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SYNOPSIS

Requires ABC to waive fee for alcoholic beverage COVID-19 Expansion Permit.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning the issuance of temporary expansion permits by
2 the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the
8 contrary, the Director of the Division of Alcoholic Beverage
9 Control shall waive the fee for the COVID-19 Expansion Permit
10 established pursuant to the provisions of Special Ruling No. 2020-
11 10. A license or permit holder who paid the COVID-19 Expansion
12 Permit fee prior to the effective date of this act shall be reimbursed
13 the fee amount.

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15 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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19 This bill requires the Director of the Division of Alcoholic
20 Beverage Control (ABC) to waive the fee for the COVID-19
21 Expansion Permit.

22 On June 3, 2020, the Acting Director of the ABC issued Special
23 Ruling 2020-10, which created a COVID-19 Expansion of Premises
24 Permit. This temporary expansion permit enables certain licensees
25 and permittees with on-premises retail consumption privileges to
26 expand their licensed premises into outdoor areas, either contiguous
27 or non-contiguous to their permanently licensed premises. The
28 special ruling also established a \$75 fee for the permit and
29 application process.

30 This bill waives the \$75 fee for the COVID-19 Expansion of
31 Premises Permit and requires the Director of ABC to reimburse
32 licensees and permit holders who paid the fee prior to the bill's
33 enactment.