

P.L. 2020, CHAPTER 146, *approved December 30, 2020*
Assembly, No. 4589

1 AN ACT concerning the sale of alcoholic beverages by seasonal
2 retail consumption license holders.

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

1. Notwithstanding the summer season time period established pursuant to subsection 2 of R.S.33:1-12, the holder of a summer seasonal retail consumption license may sell alcoholic beverages in accordance with the provisions of R.S.33:1-12 from May 1, 2020 until January 14, 2022.

13 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire on
14 January 14, 2022.

17 STATEMENT

19 This bill temporarily extends until January 14, 2022 the time
20 period during which the holder of a summer seasonal retail
21 consumption license may sell alcoholic beverages.

Under current law, the holder of a seasonal retail consumption license is allowed to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the licensed premises by the glass or other open receptacle similar to the holder of a plenary retail consumption license, but only during a summer or winter season. The summer seasonal license allows for the sale of alcoholic beverages from May 1 through November 14.

29 The COVID-19 pandemic has prohibited bars and restaurants
30 from serving alcoholic beverages for consumption on the licensed
31 premises. This bill allows holders of summer seasonal retail
32 consumption licenses to sell alcoholic beverages from the date of
33 the bill's enactment until January 14, 2022 in order to allow these
34 business owners to recoup any income lost during the pandemic.

39 Extends time period during which seasonal retail consumption
40 license holders may sell alcoholic beverages following COVID-19
41 pandemic.