

SENATE, No. 2597

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

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

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 11/16/2020)

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

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

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

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STATEMENT

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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.

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

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