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**SENATE, No. 3524**

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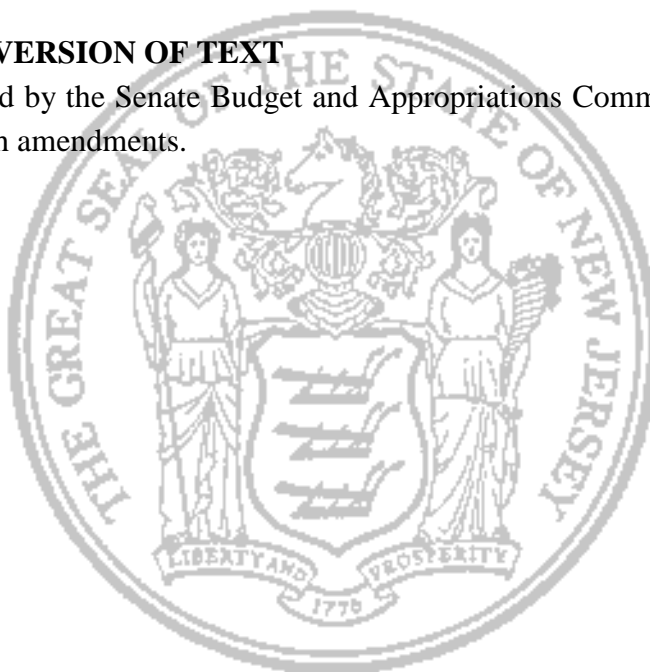
**Senators Thompson, Addiego, Cunningham, Cruz-Perez, Diegnan, Greenstein, Oroho, O'Scanlon, Ruiz, Sarlo, Singleton, Testa, Brown, A.M.Bucco, Pou and Turner**

**SYNOPSIS**

Makes \$35 million in federal funds available to EDA to support food and beverage establishments in need.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee on March 22, 2021, with amendments.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/25/2021)**

1 **1** **[A SUPPLEMENT** to the Fiscal Year 2021 appropriations act,  
2 **P.L.2020, c.97]** **AN ACT** making federal funding available to the  
3 **New Jersey Economic Development Authority to support food**  
4 **and beverage establishments in need**<sup>1</sup>.  
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6 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and the General Assembly of the  
7 *State of New Jersey:*  
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9 <sup>1</sup>[1. In addition to the amounts appropriated under P.L.2020,  
10 c.97, the annual appropriations act for Fiscal Year 2021, there is  
11 appropriated the following sum for the purpose specified:  
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**82 DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**  
*50 Economic Planning, Development, and Security*  
*51 Economic Planning and Development*

**GRANTS-IN-AID**

38-2043	Economic Development .....	\$35,000,000
	Total Grants-in-Aid Appropriation,	
	Economic Planning and Development.....	\$35,000,000

***Grants-in-Aid:***

38 Coronavirus Relief Fund – Assistance to Food  
and Beverage Establishments, EDA..... (\$35,000,000)

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14 The amount hereinabove appropriated for Coronavirus Relief Fund  
15 –Assistance to Food and Beverage Establishments, EDA shall be  
16 allocated from a portion of federal block grant funds allocated to  
17 the State from the federal “Coronavirus Relief Fund” established  
18 pursuant to the federal “Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic  
19 Security Act (CARES Act),” Pub.L.116-136, or any other federal  
20 funds made available to the State in response to the coronavirus  
21 disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.  
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23 The amount hereinabove appropriated for Coronavirus Relief Fund  
24 – Assistance to Food and Beverage Establishments, EDA shall  
25 be allocated by the New Jersey Economic Development  
26 Authority to restaurants and dining establishments at which 100  
27 or fewer workers are employed at a location in this State, and to  
28 bars, breweries, brewpubs, wineries, or other establishments  
29 serving alcoholic beverages on its premises at which 100 or  
30 fewer workers are employed at a location in this State. The New  
31 Jersey Economic Development Authority shall establish  
32 minimum grant eligibility criteria and the size of the grant  
33 awards to meet the needs of the grantee entities in responding to  
34 the public health crisis.]<sup>1</sup>

**EXPLANATION** – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

**Matter underlined thus** is new matter.

**Matter enclosed in superscript numerals** has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Senate SBA committee amendments adopted March 22, 2021.

1       <sup>1</sup>1. a. Subject to the availability of federal funds provided or  
2 made accessible to the State via federal block grant funds allocated  
3 to the State from the federal “Coronavirus Relief Fund” established  
4 pursuant to the federal “Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic  
5 Security Act (CARES Act),” Pub.L.116-136, or any other federal  
6 funds made available to the State in response to the coronavirus  
7 disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, \$35,000,000 from such  
8 federal funds shall be made available to the New Jersey Economic  
9 Development Authority for the purposes set forth in subsection b. of  
10 this section.

11       b. (1) The funds made available to the New Jersey Economic  
12 Development Authority pursuant to subsection a. of this section  
13 shall be reserved by the authority to provide financial support, by  
14 way of grants, to eligible food and beverage establishments. The  
15 authority may use not more than five percent of the funds to defray  
16 any administrative expenses incurred in the implementation of this  
17 section.

18       (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1) of this  
19 subsection to the contrary, the authority may transfer the  
20 uncommitted balance of any funds made available pursuant to this  
21 section to any program established pursuant to  
22 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as Assembly  
23 Bill No. 5443 or Senate Bill No. 3523 of 2021),  
24 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as Assembly  
25 Bill No. 5445 or Senate Bill No. 3520 of 2021),  
26 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as Assembly  
27 Bill No. 5446 or Senate Bill No. 3519 of 2021), or  
28 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as Assembly  
29 Bill No. 5447 or Senate Bill No. 3521 of 2021). The authority shall  
30 submit notice to the Joint Budget Oversight Committee no less than  
31 five calendar days before the date of the transfer. At minimum, the  
32 notice shall indicate the amount of the transferred funds and the  
33 purpose for which the funds are transferred.

34       c. The New Jersey Economic Development Authority shall  
35 establish the size of the awards and eligibility of entities in  
36 subsection b. of this section to meet the needs of the eligible food  
37 and beverage establishments in responding to the public health  
38 crisis.

39       d. As used in this section “eligible food and beverage  
40 establishments” means restaurants and dining establishments at  
41 which 50 or fewer workers are employed at a location in this State,  
42 and bars, breweries, brewpubs, wineries, or other establishments  
43 servicing alcoholic beverages on its premises at which 50 or fewer  
44 workers are employed at a location in this State.<sup>1</sup>

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46       2. This act shall take effect immediately.