ASSEMBLY OVERSIGHT, REFORM AND FEDERAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 5310

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 8, 2021

The Assembly Oversight, Reform and Federal Relations Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 5310.

As amended, this bill increases the limit on the number of social affairs permits that can be issued for one premises from 25 to 52 for designated premises owned by a municipality or for an event sponsored by a municipality.

A social affairs permit allows an organization operating solely for civic, religious, educational, charitable, fraternal, social, or recreational purposes, and not for private gain, to apply for a special permit to serve alcoholic beverages at a fund-raising event.

Under current law, no more than 25 social affairs permits can be issued for any one premises or location in a calendar year. This bill provides that the limit would be increased to 52 when the designated premises is owned by a municipality or the event is sponsored by a municipality.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to provide that a limit for social affairs permits at designated premises owned by a municipality or when the event is sponsored by a municipality be changed from no limit to 52 in a calendar year.