SENATE, No. 797 **STATE OF NEW JERSEY** 219th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2020 SESSION

Sponsored by: Senator SANDRA B. CUNNINGHAM District 31 (Hudson)

SYNOPSIS

Prohibits municipal licensure of children operating temporary businesses.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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AN ACT prohibiting municipal licensure of children operating
temporary businesses and supplementing chapter 52 of Title 40
of the Revised Statutes.

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

8 1. A municipality shall not require a license or permit for a 9 business that is operated only occasionally and by an individual 10 who is under 18 years of age.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

17 This bill would prohibit municipalities from requiring a child to 18 obtain a license or permit in order to operate a business temporarily. 19 This bill is based upon a law recently enacted in Utah. Recent news accounts out of Utah and New York State reported incidents of 20 government officials shutting down child-run lemonade stands for 21 22 failing to secure licenses or permits. A similar problem, a 23 municipality penalizing teenagers for soliciting work shoveling 24 snow because they did not have a permit, led to the enactment of 25 P.L.2015, c.240, a New Jersey law which prohibits municipalities 26 from regulating the solicitation of snow shoveling services. This 27 bill proposes a more broad approach to this general issue by 28 allowing anyone under the age of 18 to occasionally operate a 29 business without having first secured a local permit or license.