SENATE COMMUNITY AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 797

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 8, 2020

The Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 797.

This bill would prohibit municipalities from requiring a child to obtain a license or permit in order to operate a business temporarily. A municipality penalizing teenagers for soliciting work shoveling snow because they did not have a permit, led to the enactment of P.L.2015, c.240, which prohibits municipalities from regulating the solicitation of snow shoveling services. This bill proposes a more broad approach to this general issue by allowing anyone under the age of 18 to occasionally operate a business without having first secured a local permit or license.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2020-2021 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.