

# SENATE, No. 3597

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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**Sponsored by:**

**Senator JOSEPH F. VITALE**

**District 19 (Middlesex)**

### **SYNOPSIS**

Increases limit on number of social affairs permits that can be issued for one premises from 25 to 52 for designated premises owned by municipality or for event sponsored by municipality.

### **CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning alcoholic beverages and amending R.S.33:1-74.

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

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6 1. R.S.33:1-74 is amended to read as follows:

7 33:1-74. a. To provide for contingencies where it would be  
8 appropriate and consonant with the spirit of this chapter to issue a  
9 license but the contingency has not been expressly provided for, the  
10 director of the division may for special cause shown, subject to rules  
11 and regulations, issue temporary permits. The fee for a one-day permit  
12 authorizing the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on a  
13 designated premises by a civic, religious, educational or veterans  
14 organization shall be \$100 and for a one-day permit authorizing such  
15 sale by any other organization, \$150. The fee for any other type of  
16 temporary permit shall be determined in each case by the director of  
17 the division and shall not be less than \$10 nor more than \$2,000,  
18 payable to the director of the division and to be accounted for by the  
19 director as are license fees.

20 b. As to any designated premises such temporary permits shall  
21 not exceed in the aggregate 25 in any one calendar year, but the  
22 director of the division may by said rules and regulations provide for a  
23 lesser number in the aggregate for any such designated premises in any  
24 one calendar year. This limit shall be in the aggregate 52 in any one  
25 calendar year when the designated premises is owned by a  
26 municipality or the event is sponsored by a municipality.

27 c. The issuance of temporary permits to authorize the sale of  
28 alcoholic beverages by the glass or other open receptacle by civic,  
29 religious, educational, veterans or other qualified organizations shall  
30 be permissible, notwithstanding that the sale of alcoholic beverages  
31 has otherwise been prohibited by referendum under R.S.33:1-44  
32 through R.S.33:1-47 or municipal ordinance or resolution.  
33 (cf: P.L.2003, c.117, s.28)

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35 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT

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40 This bill increases the limit on the number of social affairs  
41 permits that can be issued for one premises from 25 to 52 for  
42 designated premises owned by a municipality or for an event  
43 sponsored by a municipality.

44 A social affairs permit allows an organization operating solely  
45 for civic, religious, educational, charitable, fraternal, social, or

**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.

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1 recreational purposes, and not for private gain, to apply for a special  
2 permit to serve alcoholic beverages at a fund-raising event.

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