

SENATE COMMUNITY AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3597

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 10, 2021

The Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 3597.

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.

As reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 5310 (1R), which was also reported by the committee on this date.