ASSEMBLY OVERSIGHT, REFORM AND FEDERAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 4433

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 21, 2022

The Assembly Oversight, Reform and Federal Relations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4433.

This bill clarifies the delivery, shipment, and warehouse storage privileges of the holder of a plenary retail distribution license, plenary retail consumption license, or seasonal retail consumption license. Under current law, the plenary retail distribution license authorizes the sale of alcoholic beverages for off-site consumption and is primarily used in connection with liquor stores and supermarkets. The plenary retail and seasonal retail consumption license allows the license holder to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the licensed premises.

Under the bill, the holder of a plenary retail distribution license would be entitled to accept alcoholic beverage deliveries made by a wholesale licensee at a public warehouse. In addition, the licensee would be entitled to deliver alcoholic beverages from the public warehouse directly to a consumer. The bill clarifies that warehouse operators may response to consumers delivery orders by collecting, preparing, and packaging alcoholic beverages stored in the warehouse on behalf of its customers, including, but not limited to manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers, and individuals.