

**ASSEMBLY, No. 4413**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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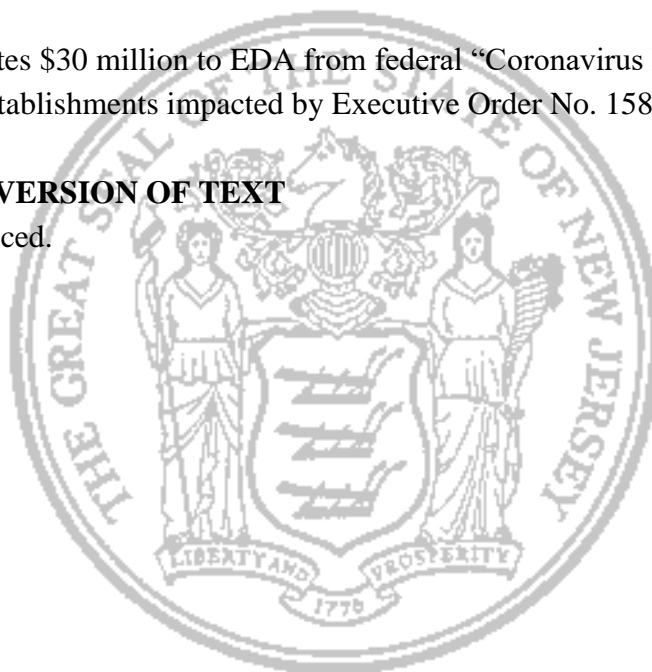
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**SYNOPSIS**

Appropriates \$30 million to EDA from federal "Coronavirus Relief Fund" to assist food establishments impacted by Executive Order No. 158.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 8/27/2020)**

1 AN ACT allocating federal funding to assist food establishments and  
2 making an appropriation.

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

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7 1. a. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the New  
8 Jersey Economic Development Authority the sum of \$30 million  
9 from a portion of those federal block grant funds allocated to the  
10 State from the federal “Coronavirus Relief Fund,” established  
11 pursuant to the federal “Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic  
12 Security Act,” Pub.L.116-136, for use by the authority to provide  
13 financial support, by way of loans or grants, to food establishments  
14 for the costs associated with business operation interruptions caused  
15 by Executive Order No. 158.

16 b. The authority shall adopt rules and regulations pursuant to  
17 the “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1  
18 et seq.), to effectuate the purposes of this act.

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20 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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25 This bill appropriates \$30 million to the New Jersey Economic  
26 Development Authority from a portion of those federal block grant  
27 funds allocated to the State from the federal “Coronavirus Relief  
28 Fund,” established pursuant to the federal “Coronavirus Aid, Relief,  
29 and Economic Security (CARES) Act,” Pub.L.116-136, for use by  
30 the EDA to provide financial support, by way of loans or grants, to  
31 food establishments for costs associated with business operation  
32 interruptions caused by Executive Order No. 158.

33 Over the past four months, the State has been confronting the  
34 viral disease known as coronavirus 2019 disease (COVID-19),  
35 which has necessitated certain emergency measures to curtail its  
36 spread. As part of these measures, on March 21, 2020, the  
37 Governor signed Executive Order No. 107, which directed all  
38 residents to stay at home until further notice and closed all non-  
39 essential businesses to the public. This order affected thousands of  
40 businesses and especially food establishments, some of whom  
41 shuttered their doors permanently. In the months following this  
42 order, subsequent orders have been signed lifting these restrictions  
43 as cases of COVID-19 have fallen, and since June 15, 2020, food  
44 establishments have been able to offer outdoor dining service,  
45 which has helped recoup some of their losses.

46 In light of this progress, on June 26, 2020, the Governor, as part  
47 of his administration’s reopening plan, signed Executive Order No.  
48 157, which allowed food establishments to offer indoor dining

1 service, with limitations. This order, originally scheduled to go into  
2 effect on July 2, was a source of added relief for food  
3 establishments who were struggling financially, even after the  
4 reopening of outdoor dining. Yet, with hospitalizations for  
5 COVID-19 having fallen 90 percent since April, and with the State  
6 on track to contain the disease, the Governor reversed his decision  
7 to reopen indoor dining, citing a rise in COVID-19 cases in other  
8 states. This decision, formalized under Executive Order No. 158,  
9 severely affected food establishments who hired additional staff and  
10 equipment in anticipation of reopening, and may lead some  
11 establishments to close permanently.

12 Under this bill, \$30 million will be allocated to the EDA from  
13 the “Coronavirus Relief Fund” in order to financially support food  
14 establishments impacted by Executive Order No. 158. By providing  
15 this support, an important part of our State’s economy and culture  
16 will be protected.