

# ASSEMBLY, No. 4658

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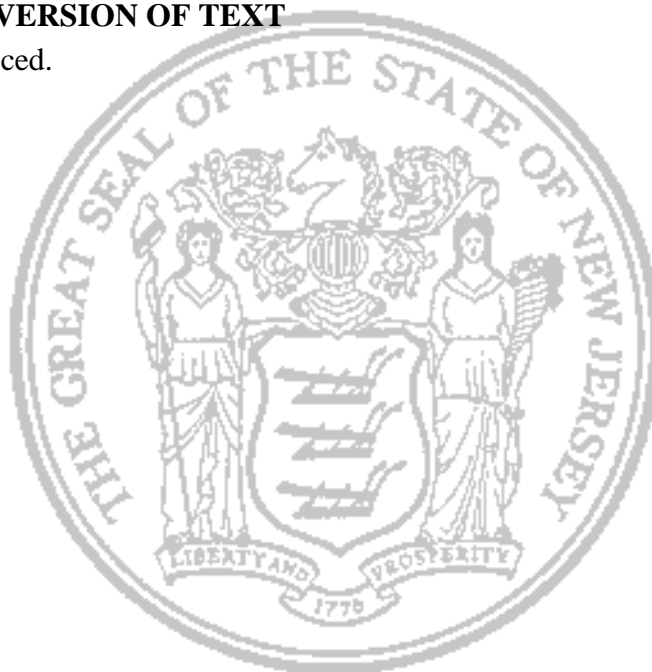
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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires refunds for payments made to venues for events canceled due to coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic and caps additional venue charges at no more than rate of inflation for rescheduled events.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 5/5/2021)**

1 AN ACT concerning refunds and additional charges from venues  
2 related to events impacted by the coronavirus disease 2019  
3 pandemic.

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

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8 1. a. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, rule or  
9 regulation to the contrary, any payments made to a venue for an  
10 event shall be refunded to the payer if the event is canceled as a  
11 result of:

12 (1) the public health emergency declared by the Governor in  
13 Executive Order 103 of 2020 concerning the coronavirus disease  
14 2019 pandemic; or

15 (2) as a result of actions taken by businesses or individuals due  
16 to the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic that rendered the  
17 occurrence of the event impossible.

18 b. If an individual requests to reschedule an event at a venue as  
19 a result of the public health emergency declared pursuant to  
20 Executive Order 103 of 2020, the venue shall not charge additional  
21 fees for rescheduling that exceed the rate of inflation. The rate of  
22 inflation is to be calculated from the date on which a deposit was  
23 given by the payer to the venue to the date on which a request to  
24 reschedule is received by the venue.

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26 2. This act shall take effect immediately, be retroactive to  
27 March 9, 2020, and expire upon the expiration of Executive Order  
28 103 of 2020, or any extension thereof or any replacement therefor.

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STATEMENT

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33 The bill requires venues to refund to a payer any payments made  
34 for an event at the venue and subsequently canceled as a result of  
35 the public health emergency declared by the Governor in Executive  
36 Order 103 of 2020 concerning the coronavirus disease 2019  
37 pandemic, or as a result of actions taken by businesses or  
38 individuals due to the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic that  
39 rendered the occurrence of the event impossible. Additionally, if an  
40 individual requests to reschedule an event at a venue as a result of  
41 the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic, the venue is not to charge  
42 additional fees that are greater than the rate of inflation. The rate of  
43 inflation is to be calculated from the date on which a deposit was  
44 given by the payer to a venue to the date on which a request to  
45 reschedule was received by the venue.