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SYNOPSIS

Waives the issuance and renewal fees for certain alcoholic beverage manufacturing licenses during COVID-19 pandemic.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning alcoholic beverage manufacturing license fees.

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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. a. As used in this act:

7 “Alcoholic beverage manufacturers license” means a plenary
8 winery license, farm winery license, out-of-State winery license,
9 limited brewery license, restricted brewery license, cidery and
10 meadery license, and craft distillery license issued pursuant to
11 R.S.33:1-10.

12 “Alcoholic beverage manufacturing facility” means a brewery,
13 winery, distillery, cidery, or meadery.

14 b. Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S.33:1-10 or any other
15 section of law to the contrary, during the period this section remains
16 in effect, the Director of the Division of Alcoholic Beverage
17 Control shall waive the license fees established pursuant to
18 R.S.33:1-10 to hold an alcoholic beverage manufacturers license
19 that was issued in connection with an alcoholic beverage
20 manufacturing facility that was newly acquired, constructed, or
21 began serving customers during the period this act remains in
22 effect.

23 c. The holder of an alcoholic beverage manufacturers license
24 who paid a license issuance fee after March 9, 2020 but prior to the
25 expiration of this enactment shall be reimbursed the fee amount.

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27 2. This act shall take effect immediately, be retroactive to
28 March 9, 2020, and expire on: (a) the date of expiration,
29 termination, or rescission of any and all executive or administrative
30 orders issued by the Governor or Commissioner of Health
31 establishing coronavirus-related occupancy or customer seating
32 restrictions applicable to a licensed premises; or (b) the first day of
33 the thirteenth month following the date of enactment, whichever
34 date occurs later.

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STATEMENT

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39 This bill waives the license fees for a brewery, winery, distillery,
40 cidery, or meadery that was newly acquired, constructed, or began
41 serving customers during the COVID-19 pandemic. The fees are
42 codified by R.S.33:1-10 and vary based on the amount of alcoholic
43 beverages that each licensee annually manufactures.

44 This bill would take effect immediately and be retroactive to
45 March 9, 2020, which is the date on which the Governor declared a
46 state of emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
47 License holders who had already paid their fee following March 9th
48 would be entitled to receive a reimbursement for the cost of the fee.