

# ASSEMBLY, No. 5444

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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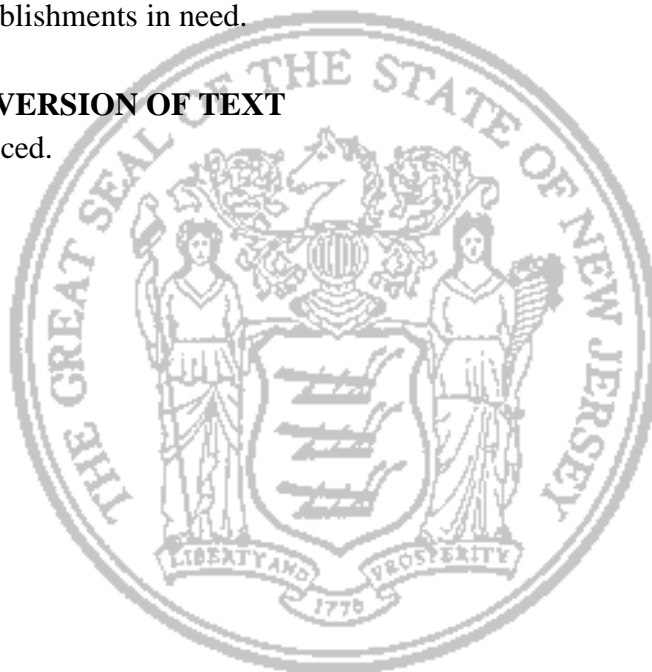
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**SYNOPSIS**

Appropriates \$35 million in federal funds to EDA to support food and beverage establishments in need.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/8/2021)

1 A SUPPLEMENT to the Fiscal Year 2021 appropriations act,  
2 P.L.2020, c.97.

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

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7 1. In addition to the amounts appropriated under P.L.2020, c.97,  
8 the annual appropriations act for Fiscal Year 2021, there is  
9 appropriated the following sum/sum for the purpose specified:

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**82 DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**  
*50 Economic Planning, Development, and Security*  
*51 Economic Planning and Development*

**GRANTS-IN-AID**

38-2043	Economic Development .....	\$35,000,000
	Total Grants-in-Aid Appropriation,	
	Economic Planning and Development.....	\$35,000,000

***Grants-in-Aid:***

38 Coronavirus Relief Fund – Assistance to Food  
and Beverage Establishments, EDA..... (\$35,000,000)

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12 The amount hereinabove appropriated for Coronavirus Relief Fund  
13 –Assistance to Food and Beverage Establishments, EDA shall be  
14 allocated from a portion of federal block grant funds allocated to  
15 the State from the federal “Coronavirus Relief Fund” established  
16 pursuant to the federal “Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic  
17 Security Act (CARES Act),” Pub.L.116-136, or any other federal  
18 funds made available to the State in response to the coronavirus  
19 disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.

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21 The amount hereinabove appropriated for Coronavirus Relief Fund  
22 – Assistance to Food and Beverage Establishments, EDA shall  
23 be allocated by the New Jersey Economic Development  
24 Authority to restaurants and dining establishments at which 100  
25 or fewer workers are employed at a location in this State, and to  
26 bars, breweries, brewpubs, wineries, or other establishments  
27 serving alcoholic beverages on its premises at which 100 or  
28 fewer workers are employed at a location in this State. The New  
29 Jersey Economic Development Authority shall establish  
30 minimum grant eligibility criteria and the size of the grant  
31 awards to meet the needs of the grantee entities in responding to  
32 the public health crisis.

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34 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

This bill appropriates \$35 million in federal funds to the Economic Development Authority (EDA) to award grants for the public purpose of supporting an important part of the State's economy affected by the public health crisis. The grants will be awarded by the EDA to restaurants and bars with fewer than 100 employees and who are in need of support as a result of the public health crisis.