

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 231

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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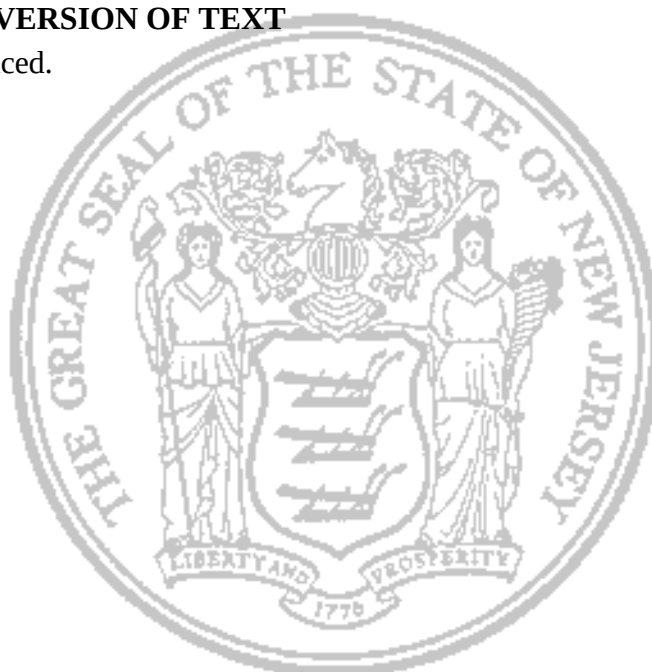
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SYNOPSIS

Urges DOH to provide mobile COVID-19 testing and vaccination units at Jersey Shore, including boardwalks where practical and feasible, during tourism season.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION** urging the Department of Health to
2 provide mobile COVID-19 testing and vaccination units at the
3 Jersey Shore, including the boardwalk where practical and
4 feasible, during the tourism season.

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6 **WHEREAS**, The COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on
7 the lives of residents of the State, and has deeply impacted the
8 tourism industry; and

9 **WHEREAS**, A 2019 Economic Impact of Tourism in New Jersey study
10 reported that visitor spending increased 3.8 percent in 2019 from
11 the previous year; with the tourism industry directly generating
12 \$19.8 billion, or three percent of New Jersey's gross domestic
13 product (GDP) in 2019; and

14 **WHEREAS**, The increase in tourism resulted in the creation of roughly
15 9,000 new jobs in 2019; and

16 **WHEREAS**, The report noted that the Jersey Shore made up over half
17 of the State's tourism direct sales, accounting for nearly \$25 billion
18 of approximately \$46 billion; and

19 **WHEREAS**, However, after a record year of tourism in the State, the
20 tourism industry took significant losses in 2020 due to the ongoing
21 COVID-19 pandemic; and

22 **WHEREAS**, In light of promising vaccination study results and an
23 increasing vaccination rate in both the United States of America
24 and the State, tourism is expected to increase in 2021 across the
25 country, including New Jersey; and

26 **WHEREAS**, New Jersey has rolled out phased COVID-19 vaccines in
27 for eligible adults who live, work, or are being educated in the
28 State, with a goal to vaccinate 70 percent of the adult population by
29 June; and

30 **WHEREAS**, The Department of Health could assist the tourism industry
31 by setting up mobile testing and vaccination sites to help reduce the
32 spread of the virus; and

33 **WHEREAS**, With tourists expected to return to the beaches this
34 summer, COVID-19 vaccination and mobile testing units should be
35 available in shore towns to protect shore residents from the increase
36 in visitors, and to encourage tourists to visit the Jersey Shore; now,
37 therefore,

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39 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the General Assembly of the State of New*
40 *Jersey:*

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42 1. The General Assembly of the State of New Jersey urges the
43 Department of Health to provide mobile COVID-19 testing and
44 vaccination units at the Jersey Shore, including the boardwalk
45 where practical and feasible, during the tourism season.

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