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SYNOPSIS

Establishes Jersey Shore Safety and Economy Task Force.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **AN ACT** establishing the Jersey Shore Safety and Economy Task
2 Force.

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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. There is established the Jersey Shore Safety and Economy
8 Task Force. The purpose of the task force is to develop safety
9 standards and protocols to ensure safe working and operating
10 conditions, in a manner that is consistent with the State's public
11 health efforts to slow the spread of coronavirus disease 2019, in
12 businesses that rely heavily on the summer tourism industry in the
13 following counties: Atlantic County, Cape May County, Ocean
14 County, and Monmouth County. The task force shall consider
15 available data and information in order to develop and issue a report
16 that:

17 a. provides guidance, including any applicable social
18 distancing guidelines, for the reopening of these businesses in a
19 manner that promotes the safety and wellbeing of the employees
20 and patrons of these businesses;

21 b. provides an assessment of the economic impact of the task
22 force's recommendations on these businesses; and

23 c. provides an assessment of the impact of the task force's
24 recommendations on the spread of coronavirus disease 2019 in the
25 State.

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27 2. a. The task force shall consist of 14 members as follows:

28 (1) the Commissioner of Health, or the commissioner's
29 designee, who shall serve ex officio;

30 (2) the Director of the Division of Travel and Tourism in the
31 Department of State, or the director's designee, who shall serve ex
32 officio;

33 (3) two members of the Senate, to be appointed by the President
34 of the Senate, who shall each be of different political parties;

35 (4) two members of the General Assembly, to be appointed by
36 the Speaker of the General Assembly, who shall each be of different
37 political parties; and

38 (5) eight public members to be appointed by the Governor as
39 follows: one member upon the recommendation of the Atlantic
40 County Division of Public Health; one member upon the
41 recommendation of the Cape May County Health Department; one
42 member upon the recommendation of the Ocean County Health
43 Department; one member upon the recommendation of the
44 Monmouth County Health Department; and four members upon the
45 recommendation of the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce,
46 including one member who is an active participant in tourism-
47 related business in Atlantic County, one member who is an active
48 participant in tourism-related business in Cape May County, one

1 member who is an active participant in tourism-related business in
2 Ocean County, and one member who is an active participant in
3 tourism-related business in Monmouth County.

4 b. The Commissioner of Health, or the commissioner's
5 designee, shall serve as chairperson of the task force. The task
6 force shall organize as soon as practicable following the
7 appointment of its members and shall select a vice-chairperson from
8 among the members. The chairperson shall appoint a secretary who
9 need not be a member of the task force.

10 c. The members shall serve without compensation, but shall be
11 reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of
12 their duties and within the limits of funds available to the task force.

13 d. The task force shall be entitled to call to its assistance and
14 avail itself of the services of the employees of any State, county or
15 municipal department, board, bureau, commission, or agency as it
16 may require and as may be available to it for its purposes.

17 e. The task force may meet and hold hearings at the places it
18 designates during the sessions or recesses of the Legislature.

19 f. The Department of Health shall provide staff support to the
20 task force.

21 g. Vacancies in the membership of the task force shall be filled
22 in the same manner provided for the original appointments.

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24 3. The task force shall report its recommendations to the
25 Atlantic County Division of Public Health, the Cape May County
26 Health Department, the Ocean County Health Department, the
27 Monmouth County Health Department, the New Jersey Chamber of
28 Commerce, the Governor, and to the Legislature pursuant to section
29 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1) no later than 30 days after the
30 adoption of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as
31 this bill)

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33 4. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire upon
34 the issuance of the task force report.

35 36 37 STATEMENT

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42 meet and hold hearings at the places it designates during the
43 sessions or recesses of the Legislature. The bill directs the
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- 3 the issuance of the task force report.