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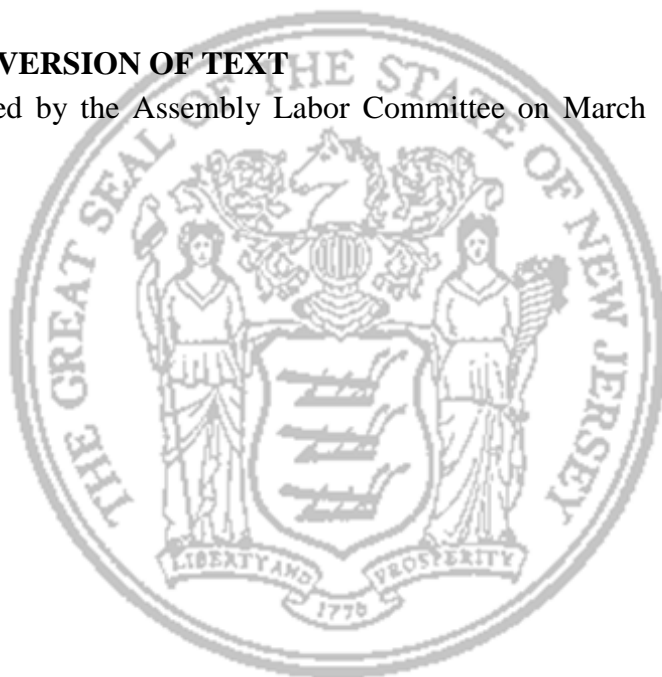
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SYNOPSIS

Establishes “New Jersey Small Business Indoor Air Quality Management Support Program.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Labor Committee on March 10, 2022, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT establishing the “New Jersey Small Business Indoor Air
2 Quality Management Support Program” and supplementing
3 P.L.1974, c.80.
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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. As used in P.L. , (C.) (pending before the
9 legislature as this bill):

10 “Authority” means the New Jersey Economic Development
11 Authority established by section 4 of P.L.1974, c.80 (C.34:1B-4).

12 “Department” means the New Jersey Department of
13 Environmental Protection.

14 “Eligible small business” means a business entity that is
15 independently owned and operated, operates primarily within this
16 State, and has 100 or fewer full-time employees.
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18 2. a. The authority shall maintain and administer a program for
19 the purpose of providing loans to eligible small businesses for the
20 improvement of indoor air quality. This program shall be known as
21 the “New Jersey Small Business Indoor Air Quality Management
22 Support Program.” The authority shall consult with the department
23 in administering the program as it applies to indoor air quality
24 standards.

25 b. The loan funds may be applied to any aspect of the eligible
26 small business intended to improve indoor air quality, including,
27 but not limited to, capital purchases, employee training, and
28 salaries, as determined by the authority, for new positions.

29 c. In order to receive a loan, a business shall submit an
30 application and, at the time of application, provide proof, as
31 determined by the authority, that it qualifies as an eligible small
32 business, as defined pursuant to section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.)
33 (pending before the Legislature as this bill). Upon approval of a
34 loan, an eligible small business shall enter into a loan agreement
35 with the authority.

36 d. The authority shall review and may approve applications for
37 the small business loan program.

38 e. A business seeking to participate in the small business loan
39 program shall submit an application in a form as the authority shall
40 require. The application shall include information the authority
41 shall determine is necessary in consideration of the provisions of
42 P.L.2011, c.123 (C.52:14B-21.1 et seq.).

43 f. Small business loans under this section shall be made
44 pursuant to a small business loan agreement made pursuant to
45 subsection c. of this section; bear interest at rates and terms deemed

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly ALA committee amendments adopted March 10, 2022.

1 appropriate by the authority; and contain other terms and conditions
2 considered appropriate by the authority that are consistent with the
3 purposes of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as
4 this bill). The authority shall, to the greatest extent practicable,
5 ensure that loans are provided at an affordable rate of interest.

6 g. The authority may, in its discretion, require an eligible small
7 business that receives a loan under the small business loan program
8 administered pursuant to P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
9 Legislature as this bill) to submit an audited financial statement to
10 the authority in order to ensure the business's continued vitality.

11 h. The authority may, either through the adoption of rules and
12 regulations, or through the terms of the small business loan
13 agreement made pursuant to subsection c. of this section, establish
14 terms governing the incidence of default by an eligible small
15 business that receives a small business loan under the program
16 administered pursuant to P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
17 Legislature as this bill).

18 i. The authority shall, to the greatest extent practicable,
19 administer the program¹.

20 j. The authority shall require work performed using funds
21 provided by the program to be performed by an organization
22 certified by the Testing, Adjusting and Balancing Bureau, National
23 Environmental Balancing Bureau, or the Associated Air Balance
24 Council.¹

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26 3. a. Any business that has received a ¹**grant** loan¹ through
27 the “New Jersey Small Business Indoor Air Quality Management
28 Support Program” pursuant to P.L. , c. (C.) (pending
29 before the Legislature as this bill) may apply to the department for a
30 New Jersey Small Business Indoor Air Quality Management
31 Certification. A condition for the issuance of a certificate shall be
32 the completion of a successful indoor air quality management
33 inspection. This inspection shall be performed by ¹**the department**
34 a licensed contractor or licensed site remediation professional
35 (LSRP)¹ and be based on the Indoor Air Quality Management
36 Checklist promulgated by the United States Environmental
37 Protection Agency. The commissioner, by rule and regulation, may
38 establish additional requirements for certification that the
39 commissioner determines to be reasonable and appropriate to
40 further the purposes of this act.

41 b. To maintain certification, successful passage of an
42 inspection based on the Indoor Air Quality Management Checklist
43 shall be completed each year.

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45 4. The authority shall adopt, pursuant to the Administrative
46 Procedures Act P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), any rules and
47 regulations necessary for the implementation of this act.

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1 5. This act shall take effect on the 90th day after the date of
2 enactment.