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SYNOPSIS

Extends right to hawk, peddle, and vend food items on premises of State-owned or State-leased office building.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



AN ACT concerning hawking, peddling, and vending on certain property and amending R.S.45:24-9, R.S.45:24-9.1, and R.S.45:24-13.

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

- 1. R.S.45:24-9 is amended to read as follows:
- 45:24-9. <u>a.</u> The following persons shall have the right to hawk, peddle and vend any goods, wares or merchandise or solicit trade within this State, by procuring a license for that purpose to be issued in the manner and under the conditions hereinafter in this article prescribed, except, however, the aforesaid right to hawk, peddle and vend any goods, wares or merchandise or solicit trade shall not extend to or include any public beach or public boardwalk:
- **[**a.**]** (1) Every person who has been honorably discharged or discharged under honorable conditions from the active military service of the United States, who is a resident of this State.
- **[b.]** (2) Every exempt member of a volunteer fire department, volunteer fire engine, hook and ladder, hose, supply company or salvage corps, of any municipality or fire district in this State, who holds an exemption certificate issued to **[him]** the member as an exempt member of any such department, company or corps, and who is a resident of this State.
- <u>b.</u> Hawking, peddling and vending hereafter may be regulated by municipal ordinance on public streets and highways.
- c. A person, as described in paragraph (1) of subsection a. of this section, who holds a county-issued license to hawk, peddle, and vend food items within the county shall have that right extended to include on the property or premises of any State-owned or State-leased office building in that county if that action does not unduly interfere with traffic, public safety, the conduct of State business, or a contract that is in effect on the effective date of P.L. c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

2. R.S.45:24-9.1 is amended to read as follows:

45:24-9.1 No license shall be issued to any person described in **[**subparagraph "a" of section 45:24-9 of this title **]** paragraph (1) of subsection a. of R.S.45:24-9 for hawking, peddling, and vending emblems, flags, natural or artificial flowers, magazines, pamphlets, postcards or any printed matter, or any article emblematic or symbolic of, or referring to the army, navy, marine corps, or any veterans' association, unless such licensee shall have been a bona fide resident of the county wherein **[**he**]** the person resides for three

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

(cf: P.L.2019, c.211, s.1)

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months immediately preceding the issuance of such license; and any such license shall be effective only in the county wherein such licensee resides.

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3. R.S.45:24-13 is amended to read as follows:

45:24-13 Any judge of the municipal court, after due notice and a hearing, shall have power to order the cancellation of any license issued under the authority of paragraph (1) of subsection a. of R.S. 45:24-9 if: a. the license has been sold or transferred by the original licensee; b. during the term of the license, the licensee has been convicted of a crime and this conviction relates adversely to the activity for which the license was granted; or c. during the term of the license, the licensee has been found guilty of violating a municipal ordinance and this violation relates adversely to the activity for which the license was granted. The judge of the municipal court shall mail the order of cancellation to the county clerk in whose county the license was granted and thereupon the county clerk shall cancel the same of record and file the order of cancellation in [his] the clerk's office and send notice of such cancellation to the office of the adjutant general. Application for a new license may be made at any time after the expiration of one year from the date of the cancellation. Any licensee holding a license issued under the authority of paragraph (1) of subsection a. of R.S. 45:24-9 who shall sell or transfer such license shall be guilty of a crime of the fourth degree and punished accordingly. A "transfer" has occurred under this section if the original licensee knowingly permits someone other than [himself] the licensee to use the license to engage in the activity for which the license was granted.

(cf: P.L.1984, c.194, s.3)

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4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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Under current law (R.S.45:24-9), certain veterans and volunteer fire department members have the right to hawk, peddle, and vend any goods, wares or merchandise or solicit trade within this State, except on any public beach or public boardwalk. This bill expands the law to provide that a veteran who holds a county-issued license to hawk, peddle, and vend food items within a county will have that right extended to include on the property or premises of any State-owned or State-leased office building in that county if that action does not unduly interfere with traffic, public safety, the conduct of State business, or a contract that is in effect on the effective date of the bill.