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SYNOPSIS

Removes certain prohibitions for individuals who hawk, peddle, or vend.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.

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AN ACT concerning hawking, peddling, and vending and revising various parts of the statutory law.

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 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. 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. 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 as an exempt member of any such department, company or corps, and who is a resident of this State.

Hawking, peddling and vending hereafter may be regulated by municipal ordinance on public streets and highways.

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

2. Section 2 of P.L.1952, c.344 (C.45:24-9.1) is repealed.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill removes a prohibition in current law that bans hawking, peddling, or vending on a public beach or boardwalk. Additionally, the bill repeals current statute that limits a license to hawk, peddle, or vend items emblematic or symbolic of, or referring to, the armed forces or any veterans' association: 1) to an individual who has been a resident for three months of the county where the items are to be hawked, peddled, or vended; and 2) as only applicable to the county where the licensee resides.

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 <u>thus</u> is new matter.