SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 691

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 13, 2024

The Senate Commerce Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 691.

As amended, this bill provides that persons who, prior to moving to New Jersey, rendered barbering services in a professional capacity in another state or foreign country that does not issue licenses to render barbering services, may qualify for a temporary permit under the three-year pilot program, which was established in P.L.2019, c.20 (C.45:5B-28) and is extended for an additional three years. The pilot program is applicable to a pilot city, which is defined in the bill to mean Elizabeth, Passaic, Paterson, and Perth Amboy.

Under the bill, a temporary permit issued under the pilot program shall be valid for a period of 120 days and shall be subject to extension if the applicant continues to meet the requirements of the pilot program and the application for issuance of a license remains pending.

Under current law, the three-year pilot program applies only to those persons who possess a license to render barbering services in another state or foreign country and who meet certain other criteria.

As amended and reported, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 2903 (1R).

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2024-2025 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amended the bill to stipulate the pilot program is applicable to pilot cities, defined to mean Elizabeth, Passaic, Paterson, and Perth Amboy.