

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 174

WHEREAS, beginning on October 28, 2012, and continuing through October 30, 2012, Super Storm Sandy ("Sandy") struck the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to take action to minimize and mitigate additional hardships, loss, or suffering as the State continues rebuilding and recovering from Sandy; and

WHEREAS, our State continues to recover and rebuild, by, among other things, reopening businesses at the Jersey Shore as well as throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 33:1-12 allows seasonal alcoholic beverage consumption licensees to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption during only a limited timeframe from May 1, until November 14, inclusive; and

WHEREAS, all seasonal alcoholic beverage consumption licensees are located along the New Jersey coast in Monmouth County; and

WHEREAS, in the wake of Sandy, due to evacuation, power outages, and the declared State of Emergency, all seasonal alcoholic beverage consumption licensees were adversely affected, as they were unable to remain open for business to the full extent allowed by N.J.S.A. 33:1-12, thereby resulting in the loss of significant business activity; and

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2012, in light of the dangers posed by Sandy, and pursuant to the authority provided under the Constitution and statutes of the State of New Jersey, particularly the provisions of N.J.S.A. App. A: 9-33, et seq., N.J.S.A. 38A:3-6.1, and N.J.S.A. 38A:2-4, and all amendments and supplements thereto, I declared a State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-34 and -51, I reserved the right to utilize and employ all available resources of the State government to protect against the emergency created by Sandy; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40, I declared that, due to the State of Emergency, no municipality, county, or any other agency or political subdivision of this State shall enact or enforce any order, rule, regulation, ordinance, or resolution that will or might in any way conflict with any of the provisions of my Executive Orders, or that will in any way interfere with or impede their achievement; and

WHEREAS, on February 28, 2013, I issued Executive Order No. 126, and on February 19, 2014, I issued Executive Order No. 151, each of which extended by two months the seasonal alcohol license for calendar years 2013 and 2014 respectively, thereby allowing those licensees, as well as the municipalities where they are located, to expeditiously recover from Sandy, recoup Sandy-related losses, and further the Jersey Shore's rebuilding efforts;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. For calendar year 2015, the date on which seasonal alcoholic beverage consumption licensees shall be permitted to commence serving alcoholic beverages shall be advanced from May 1, 2015 to March 1, 2015 and shall end on November 14, 2015, inclusive.

2. No municipality, county, or any other agency or political subdivision of this State shall enact or enforce any order, rule, regulation, ordinance, or resolution that will or might in any way conflict with the provisions of this Executive Order, or that will or might in any way interfere with or impede its achievement.

3. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this  
25<sup>th</sup> day of February,  
Two Thousand and Fifteen,  
and of the Independence of  
the United States, the Two  
Hundred and Thirty-Ninth.

[seal]

/s/ Chris Christie

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Christopher S. Porrino

Chief Counsel to the Governor