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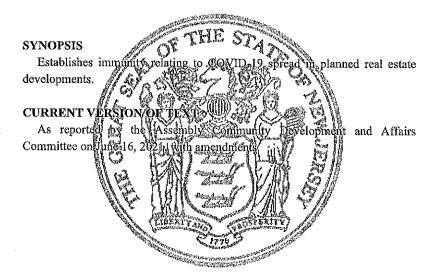
## 219th LEGISLATURE

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AN ACT establishing immunity relating to COVID-19 spread in planned real estate developments <sup>1</sup> and supplementing Title 2A of the New Jersey Statutes <sup>1</sup>.

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

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- 8 1. a. <sup>1</sup>[Any illness, injury, death, or other] A planned real estate development shall be immune from civil liability for 9 10 damages arising from, or related to, an exposure to, or transmission 11 of, COVID-19 on the premises of '[a] the' planned real estate development <sup>1</sup>[shall not give rise to any cause of action.], so long 12 13 as the planned real estate development has prominently displayed at the entrance of any communal space shared by the planned real 14 estate development's residents and their guests, such as pools, 15 16 gyms, and clubhouses, a sign stating the following warning: "ANY PERSON ENTERING THE PREMISES WAIVES ALL 17 18 CIVIL LIABILITY AGAINST THE PLANNED REAL ESTATE
- 19 DEVELOPMENT FOR DAMAGES ARISING FROM, OR
- 20 RELATED TO, AN EXPOSURE TO, OR TRANSMISSION OF,
- 21 COVID-19 ON THE PREMISES, EXCEPT FOR ACTS OR
- 22 OMISSIONS CONSTITUTING A CRIME, ACTUAL FRAUD,
- 23 ACTUAL MALICE, GROSS NEGLIGENCE, RECKLESSNESS,

24 OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT."<sup>1</sup>

- b. The immunity provided pursuant to subsection a. of this
   section shall not apply to acts or omissions constituting a crime,
   actual fraud, actual malice, gross negligence, recklessness, or
   willful misconduct.
- 29 c. <sup>1</sup>Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit or modify 30 any claim for relief under the workers' compensation law, 31 R.S.34:15-1 et seq.
- 32  $\underline{d}_{\cdot}^{1}$  As used in this section:
- "COVID-19" means the coronavirus disease 2019, as announced
  by the World Health Organization on February 11, 2020, and first
  identified in Wuhan, China.
- "Planned real estate development" means the same as that term is defined in section 3 of P.L.1977, c.419 (C.45:22A-23).

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2. This act shall take effect immediately 'and shall expire on the first day of calendar year 2022'.

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