

2020 Second Extraordinary Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 72

BY REPRESENTATIVE STEFANSKI

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 39:100.44(J), relative to the Louisiana Main Street Recovery
3 Program; to dedicate a certain portion of program funds for certain businesses; to
4 provide relative to calculation of award amounts; to provide an effective date; and
5 to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 39:100.44(J) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §100.44. Louisiana Main Street Recovery Program

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10 J.(1) Notwithstanding any provision of this Section to the contrary, the
11 treasurer shall ensure that within the first sixty days of the recovery program no less
12 than forty million dollars in grants, exclusive of administrative expenses, shall be
13 awarded to minority business enterprises.

14 (2)(a) Notwithstanding any provision of this Section to the contrary, the
15 treasurer shall ensure that a total of seven and one-half million million dollars shall
16 be awarded to bars that, as of September 29, 2020, had filed an application with the
17 recovery program. For the purposes of this Paragraph, the term "bar" shall mean a
18 for-profit corporation, a limited liability company, a partnership, or a sole
19 proprietorship that was domiciled in Louisiana as of March 16, 2020; had permits
20 issued pursuant to R.S. 26:71.1(1) and 271(A)(2)(a) by the commissioner of alcohol
21 and tobacco control as of March 16, 2020; and meets the criteria established pursuant
22 to R.S. 39:100.42(7)(b) through (j). Notwithstanding any provision of law to the
23 contrary, any bar that filed an application in connection with the recovery program
24 on or before September 29, 2020, and was disqualified because of a failure to meet

1 the requirements of R.S. 39:100.42(7)(a) shall be entitled to have its application
2 reviewed for an award pursuant to the provisions of this Paragraph.

3 **(b) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, if the total amount**
4 of all monies provided for in Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph has not been
5 obligated by November 15, 2020, then the remaining unobligated amounts shall be
6 available for awards to eligible businesses that are not bars.

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8 Section 2. The treasurer may continue to process applications and award grants for
9 pending non-bar applications received as of the effective date of this Act, but may not award
10 any grants to businesses that are not bars, as provided in R.S. 39:100.44(J)(2) as enacted in
11 this Act, if such award will impinge upon any remaining amount allocated by this Act for
12 bars.

13 Section 3. The provisions of this Act shall apply only to any monies in the
14 Louisiana Main Street Recovery Fund that are unobligated as of the effective date of this Act
15 and the provisions of this Act shall become effective if and when Senate Bill No. 38 is
16 enacted and becomes effective.

_____ **SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

_____ **PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE**

_____ **GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA**

APPROVED: _____