

RESOLUTION NO. 2021 – 136

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
BARNEGAT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF
NEW JERSEY, URGING THE REPEAL OF
SENATE BILL 3454, P.L. 2021, c. 25**

WHEREAS, Governor Murphy recently signed into law Senate Bill 3454, P.L. 2021, c. 25 which prohibits law enforcement officers, in certain instances, from safeguarding our children from the use and consumption of cannabis; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 3454, P.L. 2021, c. 25 also prohibits the law enforcement officers' ability to investigate and enforce underage drinking; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 3454, P.L. 2021, c. 25 infringes upon the rights of parents in the State of New Jersey to be informed of the actions of their children; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 3454, P.L. 2021, c. 25 makes it illegal for law enforcement officers to investigate and enforce the underage possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages or cannabis and makes it a crime for law enforcement officers to investigate same; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 3454, P.L. 2021, c. 25 prohibits the great law enforcement officers of this State from effectuating their official duties and serving the public and protecting our children; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, finds it necessary and appropriate to urge the Governor and Legislature to repeal Senate Bill 3454, P.L. 2021, c. 25 as it infringes upon the rights of parents of this State, puts the health safety, and welfare of our children at risk, and marginalizes the great efforts and work of the law enforcement officers of this State.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 6th day of April 2021 by the Mayor and the Township Committee of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey as follows:

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1. The Township Committee urges the immediate repeal of Senate Bill 3454, P.L. 2021, c. 25 in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of our children, the rights of our parents, and the ability of our law enforcement officers to serve and protect.

2. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded by the Township Clerk to the following:

- (a) Al Bille, Mayor
- (b) Ocean County Board of Commissioners
- (c) The 9th District Legislative Delegation
- (d) Governor Philip Murphy
- (e) Senate President Steve Sweeney

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the forgoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Township of Barnegat at a meeting held on April 6, 2021, a quorum being present and voting in the majority.

Donna M. Manno, RMC
Township Clerk

Prepared by:

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