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Senate, No. 2713

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**EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **【thus】** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

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2 10,000 or more irrespective of the event held at the venue.

3       d. As used in this section, "at retail" shall include any retail  
4 transaction conducted in person and exclude any telephone, mail, or  
5 Internet-based transaction.

6 (cf: P.L.2019, c.50, s.1)

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8       2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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13       This bill would allow sports and entertainment venues with a  
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25       Allows for cashless payment at certain sports and entertainment  
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# SENATE, No. 2713

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JULY 28, 2020

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator PAUL A. SARLO**

**District 36 (Bergen and Passaic)**

**Senator RICHARD J. CODEY**

**District 27 (Essex and Morris)**

**Assemblyman JOHN J. BURZICHELLI**

**District 3 (Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem)**

**SYNOPSIS**

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**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 2713**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: DECEMBER 15, 2020

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2713.

This bill allows sports and entertainment venues with a seating capacity of 10,000 or more the ability to process only cashless transactions, for all events at the venue, including sporting events and concerts.

As reported by the committee, Senate Bill No. 2713 is identical to Assembly Bill No. 4631, which also was reported by the committee on this date.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill is not certified as requiring a fiscal note.



SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

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**ASSEMBLY, No. 4631**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**219th LEGISLATURE**

INTRODUCED SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman JOHN J. BURZICHELLI**

**District 3 (Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem)**

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# Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

03/1/2021

**TRENTON** - Today, Governor Murphy signed the following bills into law:

**S-1271, 2588, 2660/ A-4409 (Cunningham, Gopal/Jasey, Downey, Reynolds-Jackson)** – Establishes requirements for closures of private career schools and institutions of higher education, modifies review process of new academic programs, and requires approval of branch campuses

**S-2713/A-4631 (Sarlo, Codey/Burzichelli)** – Allows for cashless payment at certain sports and entertainment venues

**A-1226/S-265 (Schaer, Jimenez, Wimberly, Mukherji, Benson, Quijano/T. Kean, Pou)** – Requires electric public utilities to provide priority power restoration to certain medical facilities, assisted living facilities, and nursing homes

**A-1537/S-2217 (Spearman, Moen/Cruz-Perez)** – Extends economic recovery term under “Municipal Rehabilitation and Economic Recovery Act”; bars appeal of certain property assessments by Garden State Growth Zone Development Entity

**A-2280/S-1763 (Armato, Murphy, Vainieri Huttle/Gopal, Cryan)** – Criminalizes certain payments for referral of patients to substance use disorder treatment facilities

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**A-4454/S-2781 (Murphy, Reynolds-Jackson, Verrelli/Codey, Smith, Ruiz)** – Requires school districts to include instruction on diversity and inclusion as part of implementation of New Jersey Student Learning Standards