

CHAPTER 9

AN ACT concerning excessive price increases during a state of emergency, and amending P.L.2001, c.297.

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

1. Section 3 of P.L.2001, c.297 (C.56:8-109) is amended to read as follows:

C.56:8-109 Unlawful practice to sell merchandise at excessive price during emergency.

3. It shall be an unlawful practice for any person to sell or offer to sell within 30 days after the declaration of a state of emergency, or for such other period of time as the Governor may specify in the declaration of a state of emergency, in the area for which the state of emergency has been declared, any merchandise which is consumed or used as a direct result of an emergency or which is consumed or used to preserve, protect, or sustain the life, health, safety or comfort of persons or their property for a price that constitutes an excessive price increase. The Governor may by executive order extend the period during which this prohibition remains in force.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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