

SENATE, No. 207

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 212th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Provides for voluntary contributions by taxpayers on gross income tax returns for certain New Jersey members of the military and their families in need of assistance.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



1 AN ACT concerning voluntary contributions through gross income
2 tax returns for certain New Jersey members of the military and
3 their families supplementing chapter 9 of Title 54A of the New
4 Jersey Statutes.

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

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9 1. a. There is established in the Department of the Treasury a
10 special fund to be known as the "NJ Military Family Relief Fund."

11 b. Each taxpayer shall have the opportunity to indicate on the
12 taxpayer's New Jersey gross income tax return that a portion of the
13 taxpayer's tax refund or an enclosed contribution shall be deposited
14 in the special fund.

15 c. Any costs incurred by the Division of Taxation for collection
16 or administration attributable to this act may be deducted from
17 receipts collected pursuant to this act, as determined by the Director
18 of the Division of Budget and Accounting. The State Treasurer shall
19 deposit net contributions collected pursuant to this act into the "NJ
20 Military Family Relief Fund."

21 d. The Legislature shall annually appropriate all funds deposited
22 in the "NJ Military Family Relief Fund" established pursuant to this
23 section to the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs for the
24 purposes of providing monetary grants to (1) members of the New
25 Jersey National Guard and their families and (2) New Jersey
26 residents serving in the U.S. Armed Forces Reserve components
27 and their families, called to active duty as a result of the global war
28 on terror since September 11, 2001. These monetary grants are
29 intended to help members and their families defray the costs of
30 food, housing, medical services and other expenses.

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32 2. This act shall take effect immediately and apply to taxable
33 years beginning on or after January 1, 2004.

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STATEMENT

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38 This bill establishes the "NJ Military Family Relief Fund" and
39 provides for a designation on the State gross income tax return that
40 will permit taxpayers to make voluntary contributions to the fund.

41 This fund will provide for monetary grants to members of the NJ
42 National Guard and U.S. Armed Forces reserve components and
43 their families. These monetary grants are intended to help members
44 and their families defray the costs of food, housing, medical
45 services, and other expenses that have become difficult to afford
46 when a wage-earner has temporarily left civilian employment to be
47 placed on active military duty. The members and their families shall
48 apply to the NJ Department of Military and Veterans Affairs for the
49 monetary grants.