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SYNOPSIS

Provides for voluntary contributions by taxpayers on gross income tax returns for New Jersey National Guard members 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 New Jersey National Guard members and their
3 families, and 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 National Guard State Family
11 Readiness Council Fund."

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

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

22 d. The Legislature shall annually appropriate all funds deposited
23 in the "NJ National Guard State Family Readiness Council Fund"
24 established pursuant to this section to the National Guard State
25 Family Readiness Council for the purposes of providing support to
26 members of the New Jersey National Guard and their families
27 affected by extended deployment during Operations Enduring
28 Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

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30 2. This act shall take effect immediately and apply to taxable
31 years beginning on or after January 1, 2005.

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STATEMENT

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36 This bill establishes the "NJ National Guard State Family
37 Readiness Council Fund" and provides for a designation on the
38 State gross income tax return that will permit taxpayers to make
39 voluntary contributions to the fund.

40 This fund will provide for support to members of the NJ National
41 Guard and their families. This support is intended to help members
42 and their families cope during difficult times when a wage-earner
43 has temporarily left civilian employment to be placed on active
44 military duty. The council provides education, counseling and
45 financial planning so the spouses of deployed Guard members have
46 what they need to cope.