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SYNOPSIS

Designates pork roll, egg, and cheese as New Jersey State Sandwich.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT designating the pork roll, egg, and cheese sandwich as the
2 New Jersey State Sandwich and supplementing chapter 9A of
3 Title 52 of the Revised Statutes.

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5 WHEREAS, For over 150 years, pork roll has been a staple in New
6 Jersey, commonly served as a breakfast sandwich with egg and
7 cheese on a hard roll; and

8 WHEREAS, According to New Jersey folklore, pork roll made its first
9 appearance during the Revolutionary War where it was carried as
10 field rations by soldiers of the Continental Army during the Battle
11 of Trenton; and

12 WHEREAS, The first official pork roll product became popular in the
13 late 19th century when Taylor Provisions, Inc., based in Trenton,
14 began selling “Taylor’s Prepared Ham,” begetting the nickname,
15 “Taylor Ham”; and

16 WHEREAS, In 1906, the federal Pure Food and Drug Act was enacted,
17 forcing Taylor Provisions to rename the product “Taylor’s Pork
18 Roll,” which initiated the ongoing debate between residents of
19 northern and southern New Jersey as to whether the beloved cured
20 meat should be referred to as “pork roll” or “Taylor Ham”; and

21 WHEREAS, Though it may be difficult to find pork roll outside of New
22 Jersey, State residents are able to walk into nearly any local diner to
23 satisfy their pork roll cravings; and

24 WHEREAS, Pork roll has become an important part of popular culture
25 in New Jersey, inspiring several pork roll-themed festivals,
26 websites, social media fan pages, and merchandise, as well as a
27 song entitled, “Pork Roll Egg & Cheese” written by the band
28 “Ween”; and

29 WHEREAS, As a result of the immense popularity and the great
30 historical and cultural significance of pork roll in the State, the pork
31 roll, egg, and cheese sandwich has become synonymous with New
32 Jersey; now, therefore,

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

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37 1. The pork roll, egg, and cheese sandwich is designated as the
38 New Jersey State Sandwich.

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40 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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43 STATEMENT

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45 This bill designates the pork roll, egg, and cheese sandwich as
46 the official State Sandwich of New Jersey.

47 Pork roll has been a New Jersey staple for over 150 years. It was
48 first produced in the late 19th century by Taylor Provisions, Inc.,

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1 though according to State folklore, pork roll made its first
2 appearance in the Battle of Trenton during the Revolutionary War,
3 when it was carried as field rations by soldiers of the Continental
4 Army. Over time, pork roll, especially the pork roll, egg, and
5 cheese sandwich, has become synonymous with New Jersey, and an
6 important part of the State's history and popular culture.