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SYNOPSIS

Designates Taylor Ham, egg, and cheese as New Jersey State Sandwich.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT designating the Taylor Ham, egg, and cheese sandwich as
2 the 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, Taylor Ham 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, Taylor Ham made its
9 first appearance during the Revolutionary War where it was carried
10 as field rations by soldiers of the Continental Army during the
11 Battle of Trenton; and

12 WHEREAS, The first official Taylor Ham product became popular in
13 the late 19th century when Taylor Provisions, Inc., based in
14 Trenton, began selling “Taylor’s Prepared Ham,” begetting the
15 nickname, “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 Taylor Ham outside of
22 New Jersey, State residents are able to walk into nearly any local
23 diner to satisfy their Taylor Ham cravings; and

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

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

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

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36 1. The Taylor Ham, egg, and cheese sandwich is designated as
37 the New Jersey State Sandwich.

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39 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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44 This bill designates the Taylor Ham, egg, and cheese sandwich
45 as the official State Sandwich of New Jersey.

46 Taylor Ham has been a New Jersey staple for over 150 years. It
47 was first produced in the late 19th century by Taylor Provisions,
48 Inc., though according to State folklore, Taylor Ham made its first

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