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SYNOPSIS

Imposes State sales and use tax and hotel and motel occupancy fee on transient accommodations; authorizes various municipal taxes and fees on transient accommodations.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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AN ACT imposing the State sales and use tax and hotel and motel occupancy fee on transient accommodations and authorizing various municipal taxes and fees on transient accommodations, amending various parts of the statutory law, and supplementing P.L.1966, c.30 (C.54:32B-1 et seq.).

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

- 10 1. Section 84 of P.L.2015, c.19 (C.5:10A-84) is amended to read as follows:
- 12 84. As used in sections 82 through 85 of P.L.2015, 13 c.19 (C.5:10A-82 et seq.):
- "Commission" means the New Jersey Sports and Exposition
 Authority, which may be referred to as the "Meadowlands Regional
 Commission," as established by section 6 of P.L.2015,
 c.19 (C.5:10A-6).
- "Meadowlands district" means the Hackensack Meadowlands
 District, the area delineated within section 5 of P.L.2015,
 c.19 (C.5:10A-5).
 - "Public venue" means any place located within the Meadowlands district, whether publicly or privately owned, where any facilities for entertainment, amusement, or sports are provided, but shall not include a movie theater.
 - "Public event" means any spectator sporting event, trade show, exposition, concert, amusement, or other event open to the public that takes place at a public venue, but shall not include a major league football game.
 - "Residence" means a house, condominium, or other residential dwelling unit in a building or structure or part of a building or structure that is designed, constructed, leased, rented, let or hired out, or otherwise made available for use as a residence.
 - "Transient accommodation" means a room, group of rooms, or other living or sleeping space for the lodging of occupants, including but not limited to residences or buildings used as residences. "Transient accommodation" does not include: a hotel or hotel room; a room, group of rooms, or other living or sleeping space used as a place of assembly; a dormitory or other similar residential facility of an elementary or secondary school or a college or university; a hospital, nursing home, or other similar residential facility of a provider of services for the care, support and treatment of individuals that is licensed by the State; a cabin, leanto, or other similar residential facility of an adult or youth camp; or
- 46 Real Estate Commission pursuant to R.S.45:15-1 et seq.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

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a real estate agent or real estate broker licensed by the New Jersey

"Transient space marketplace" means an online marketplace through which a person may offer transient accommodations or hotel rooms to individuals. A "transient space marketplace" allows transient accommodations or hotel rooms to be advertised or listed through an online marketplace and provides a means for a customer to arrange for the occupancy of the transient accommodation or hotel room in exchange for consideration directly through the online marketplace.

9 (cf: P.L.2015, c.72, s.27)

- 2. Section 85 of P.L.2015, c.19 (C.5:10A-85) is amended to read as follows:
- a. Beginning on the first day of the first month next following the enactment of P.L.2015 c.19 (C.5:10A-1 et al.), there is imposed a Meadowlands regional hotel use assessment on the rent for the occupancy of every room in every hotel or transient accommodation located in the Meadowlands district, including any hotels located on land owned by the State. The assessment imposed under this subsection shall be 3% of the rent charged for every occupancy of a room or rooms in a hotel or transient accommodation subject to taxation pursuant to subsection (d) of section 3 of P.L.1966, c.30 (C.54:32B-3), and shall be paid to the Director of the Division of Taxation by each person required to collect the tax not later than the 10th day of each month based on the occupancy of rooms in that hotel or transient accommodation during the previous calendar month.
 - b. In carrying out the provisions of subsection a. of this section, the director shall have all of the powers and authority granted in P.L.1966, c.30 (C.54:32B-1 et seq.). The tax shall be filed and paid in a manner prescribed by the Director of the Division of Taxation. The director shall promulgate such rules and regulations as the director determines are necessary to effectuate the provisions of this section.

Each person required to collect the assessment shall be personally liable for the assessment imposed, collected, or required to be paid, collected, or remitted under this section. Any such person shall have the same right in respect to collecting the fee from that person's customer or in respect to non-payment of the fee by the customer as if the fee were a part of the purchase price of the occupancy or rent, as the case may be, and payable at the same time; provided, however, that the director shall be joined as a party in any action or proceeding brought to collect the fee.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, the director may enter into an agreement with the owner or operator of a transient space marketplace for the purpose of collection and payment of the tax for transactions solely consummated through the transient space marketplace. Upon entering an agreement with the owner or operator of a transient

1 space marketplace, the director may waive the responsibility of a

2 person engaged in the business of providing transient

- 3 <u>accommodations or hotel rooms to collect and pay the tax. The</u>
- 4 owner or operator of the transient space marketplace shall agree to
- 5 be personally liable for the collection and payment of the tax on
- 6 behalf of a person engaged in the business of providing transient

7 accommodations or hotel rooms.

For purposes of this section, "person" includes: an individual, partnership, corporation, or an officer, director, stockholder, or employee of a corporation, or a member or employee of a partnership, who as such officer, director, stockholder, employee, or member is under the duty to perform the act in respect of which the violation occurs.

An assessment imposed under this section shall be in addition to any other tax or fee imposed pursuant to statute or local ordinance or resolution by any governmental entity.

- c. Assessment revenue shall be collected by the Director of the Division of Taxation and shall be deposited by the Director of the Division of Taxation into the intermunicipal account established pursuant to section 53 of P.L.2015, c.19 (C.5:10A-53), and shall be used to pay meadowlands adjustment payments to municipalities in the Meadowlands district pursuant to the provisions of sections 1 through 68 of P.L.2015, c.19 (C.5:10A-1 et seq.). If in any year, assessment revenue in the intermunicipal account exceeds the amount necessary to pay meadowlands adjustment payments to municipalities in the Meadowlands district, that remaining assessment revenue may be used for the purposes set forth in subsection e. of this section.
- d. In the event sufficient assessment revenue is unavailable in any year to pay all of the required meadowlands adjustment payments to municipalities in the Meadowlands district, the State Treasurer shall provide the commission with such funds as may be necessary to make all of the required payments to those municipalities.
- e. In the event that in any year, after the required meadowlands adjustment payments have been made to municipalities in the Meadowlands district, assessment revenue remains in the intermunicipal account, that remaining assessment revenue may be used in that year for the following purposes:
- (1) the commission may perform projects in the areas of flood control, traffic, renewable energy, or other infrastructure improvement projects and utilize monies from the project fund for property acquisition, demolition, clearance, removal, relocation, renovation, alteration, construction, reconstruction, installation, or repair of a structure or improvement, and the costs associated therewith including the costs of appraisal, economic and environmental analyses or engineering, planning, design, architectural, surveying, or other professional services;

- (2) the commission may expend funds towards the promotion of the Meadowlands district as a tourism destination;
- (3) the commission may fund the acquisition of property for the purpose of open space preservation and the costs associated therewith including the costs of appraisal, economic and environmental analyses or engineering, surveying, or other professional services; or
- (4) the commission may fund the creation of parks and other recreational facilities and the costs associated therewith, including the costs of appraisal, economic and environmental analyses or engineering planning, design, architectural, surveying, or other professional services.

Not later than the first day of the third month next following the enactment of P.L.2015, c.19 (C.5:10A-1 et al.) and pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), the commission shall adopt, by resolution, standards for the disbursement in any year of any remaining assessment revenue for projects and uses set forth in subsection e. of this section.

f. Terms used in this section shall have the meaning given those terms pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1966, c.30 (C.54:32B-2). (cf: P.L.2015, c.72, s.28)

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- 3. Section 3 of P.L.2007, c.30 (C.34:1B-192) is amended to read as follows:
 - 3. As used in this act:

"Authority" means the New Jersey Economic Development Authority established pursuant to P.L.1974, c.80 (C.34:1B-1 et seq.).

"Developer" means any person or entity, whether public or private, including a State entity, that proposes to undertake a project pursuant to a development agreement.

"District" or "sports and entertainment district" means a geographic area which includes a project as set forth in the ordinance pursuant to section 4 of P.L.2007, c.30 (C.34:1B-193).

"Eligible municipality" means a municipality: (1) in which is located part of an urban enterprise zone that has been designated pursuant to P.L.1983, c.303 (C.52:27H-60 et seq.) or any supplement thereto; and (2) which has a population greater than 25,000 and less than 29,000 according to the latest federal decennial census in a county of the third class with a population density greater than 295 and less than 304 persons per square mile according to the latest federal decennial census.

"Infrastructure improvements" means the construction or rehabilitation of any street, highway, utility, transportation or parking facilities, or other similar improvements; the acquisition of any interest in land as necessary or convenient for the acquisition of any right-of-way or other easement for the purpose of constructing infrastructure improvements; the acquisition, construction or

reconstruction of land and site improvements, including demolition, clearance, removal, construction, reconstruction, fill, environmental enhancement or abatement, or other site preparation for development of a sports and entertainment district.

"Project" means a sports and entertainment facility and may include infrastructure improvements that are associated with the sports and entertainment facility.

"Project cost" means the cost of a project, including the financing, acquisition, development, construction, redevelopment, rehabilitation, reconstruction and improvement costs thereof, financing costs and the administrative costs, including any administrative costs of the authority if bonds are issued pursuant to section 16 of P.L.2007, c.30 (C.34:1B-205) and incurred in connection with a sports and entertainment facility which is financed, in whole or in part, by the revenues dedicated by a municipality to a project as authorized pursuant to section 5 of P.L.2007, c.30 (C.34:1B-194).

"Residence" means a house, condominium, or other residential dwelling unit in a building or structure or part of a building or structure that is designed, constructed, leased, rented, let or hired out, or otherwise made available for use as a residence.

"Sports and entertainment facility" means any privately or publicly owned or operated facility located in a sports and entertainment district that is used primarily for sports contests, entertainment, or both, such as a theater, stadium, museum, arena, automobile racetrack, or other place where performances, concerts, exhibits, games or contests are held.

"State Treasurer" or "treasurer" means the treasurer of the State of New Jersey.

"Transient accommodation" means a room, group of rooms, or other living or sleeping space for the lodging of occupants, including but not limited to residences or buildings used as residences. "Transient accommodation" does not include: a hotel or hotel room; a room, group of rooms, or other living or sleeping space used as a place of assembly; a dormitory or other similar residential facility of an elementary or secondary school or a college or university; a hospital, nursing home, or other similar residential facility of a provider of services for the care, support and treatment of individuals that is licensed by the State; a cabin, leanto, or other similar residential facility of an adult or youth camp; or a room, group of rooms, or other living or sleeping space listed with a real estate agent or real estate broker licensed by the New Jersey Real Estate Commission pursuant to R.S.45:15-1 et seq.

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- hotel room in exchange for consideration directly through the online
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- 6 4. Section 5 of P.L.2007, c.30 (C.34:1B-194) is amended to read as follows:
 - 5. The governing body of a municipality that establishes a sports and entertainment district may, as part of the ordinance establishing the district: impose one or more of the taxes enumerated in subsection a. of this section; dedicate some or all of those taxes: and dedicate some or all of the taxes enumerated in subsection b. of this section solely for the purposes of financing the project costs of a sports and entertainment facility for the life of the project, as appropriate, except that none of the taxes enumerated in subsection a. or b. of this section shall be imposed or dedicated for a period of more than 30 years.
 - The municipality may, by ordinance, impose any or all of the following:
 - (1) a tax at the rate of 2% on the receipts from every sale within the district of tangible personal property subject to taxation pursuant to subsection (a) of section 3 of P.L.1966, c.30 (C.54:32B-3);
 - (2) a tax at the rate of 2% on the receipts from every sale within the district of food and drink subject to taxation pursuant to subsection (c) of section 3 of P.L.1966, c.30 (C.54:32B-3);
 - (3) a tax at the rate of 2% on charges of rent for every occupancy of a room or rooms in a hotel or transient accommodation located within the district and subject to taxation pursuant to subsection (d) of section 3 of P.L.1966, c.30 (C.54:32B-3); or
 - (4) a tax at the rate of 2% on the admission charge to a place of amusement within the district and subject to taxation pursuant to subsection (e) of section 3 of P.L.1966, c.30 (C.54:32B-3).
 - The municipality may dedicate, by ordinance, any hotel and motel occupancy tax revenues collected within the district that the municipality is authorized to impose pursuant to section 3 of P.L.2003, c.114 (C.40:48F-1) and, at the discretion of the municipality, an additional charge of 2%.
 - A tax imposed under subsection a. of this section shall be in addition to any other tax or fee imposed pursuant to statute or local ordinance or resolution by any governmental entity upon the same transaction.
- 44 A copy of an ordinance adopted pursuant to section 4 of 45 P.L.2007, c.30 (C.34:1B-193) shall be transmitted upon adoption or 46 amendment thereof to the State Treasurer. An ordinance so adopted 47 or any amendment thereto shall provide that the tax provisions of 48 the ordinance or any amendment to the tax provisions shall take

effect on the first day of the first full month occurring 90 days after the date of transmittal to the State Treasurer.

- e. A municipality that creates a district pursuant to section 4 of P.L.2007, c.30 (C.34:1B-193), which overlaps, in whole or in part, with an urban enterprise zone in which the receipts of certain sales are exempt to the extent of 50% of the tax imposed under the "Sales and Use Tax Act," P.L.1966, c.30 (C.54:32B-1 et seq.), pursuant to section 21 of P.L.1983, c.303 (C.52:27H-80), shall continue to administer those sales tax revenues collected within the designated urban enterprise zone as otherwise provided pursuant to P.L.1983, c.303 (C.52:27H-60 et seq.).
- 12 (cf: P.L.2007, c.30, s.5)

- 5. Section 7 of P.L.2007, c.30 (C.34:1B-196) is amended to read as follows:
- 7. a. A tax imposed pursuant to a municipal ordinance adopted under the provisions of subsection a. of section 5 of P.L.2007, c.30 (C.34:1B-194) shall be collected on behalf of the municipality by the person collecting the receipts, charges or rent from the customer.
 - b. Each person required to collect a tax imposed by the ordinance shall be personally liable for the tax imposed, collected or required to be collected hereunder. Any such person shall have the same right in respect to collecting the tax from a customer as if the tax were a part of the rent and payable at the same time; provided, however, that the chief fiscal officer of the municipality shall be joined as a party in any action or proceeding brought to collect the tax.
 - c. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, the Director of the Division of Taxation in the Department of the Treasury may enter into an agreement with the owner or operator of a transient space marketplace for the purpose of collection and payment of the tax for transactions solely consummated through the transient space marketplace. Upon entering an agreement with the owner or operator of a transient space marketplace, the director may waive the responsibility of a person engaged in the business of providing transient accommodations or hotel rooms to collect and pay the tax. The owner or operator of the transient space marketplace shall agree to be personally liable for the collection and payment of the tax on behalf of a person engaged in the business of providing transient accommodations or hotel rooms.
- 43 (cf: P.L.2007, c.30, s.7)

- 6. Section 2 of P.L.1947, c.71 (C.40:48-8.16) is amended to read as follows:
- 47 2. As used in this act:
- 48 "Retail sale" or "sale at retail" means and includes:

- (1) Any sale in the ordinary course of business for consumption of whiskey, beer or other alcoholic beverages by the drink in restaurants, cafes, bars, hotels and other similar establishments;
- (2) Any cover charge, minimum charge, entertainment, or other similar charge made to any patron of any restaurant, cafe, bar, hotel or other similar establishment;
- (3) The hiring, with or without service, of any room in any hotel, <u>transient accommodation</u>, inn, rooming or boarding house;
 - (4) The hiring of any rolling chair, beach chair or cabana; and
- (5) The granting or sale of any ticket, license or permit for admission to any theatre, moving picture exhibition or show, pier, exhibition, or place of amusement, except charges for admission to boxing, wrestling, kick boxing or combative sports events, matches, or exhibitions, which charges are taxed pursuant to section 20 of P.L. 1985, c. 83 (C. 5:2A-20).

"Vendor" means any person selling or hiring property or services to another person upon the receipts from which a tax is imposed.

"Purchaser" means any person purchasing or hiring property or services from another person, the receipts from which are taxable.

"Residence" means a house, condominium, or other residential dwelling unit in a building or structure or part of a building or structure that is designed, constructed, leased, rented, let or hired out, or otherwise made available for use as a residence.

"Transient accommodation" means a room, group of rooms, or other living or sleeping space for the lodging of occupants, including but not limited to residences or buildings used as residences. "Transient accommodation" does not include: a hotel or hotel room; a room, group of rooms, or other living or sleeping space used as a place of assembly; a dormitory or other similar residential facility of an elementary or secondary school or a college or university; a hospital, nursing home, or other similar residential facility of a provider of services for the care, support and treatment of individuals that is licensed by the State; a cabin, leanto, or other similar residential facility of an adult or youth camp; or a room, group of rooms, or other living or sleeping space listed with a real estate agent or real estate broker licensed by the New Jersey

Real Estate Commission pursuant to R.S.45:15-1 et seq.

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45 <u>marketplace.</u>

46 (cf: P.L.1985, c.83, s.34)

- 7. Section 5 of P.L.1947, c.71 (C.40:48-8.19) is amended to read as follows:
- 5. Such ordinance shall provide for the collection of such tax by an officer of such municipality who shall be designated in such ordinance; shall provide methods for enforcement; and may provide penalties for the violation of any of the provisions of such ordinance.

8 The officer of a municipality may enter into an agreement with 9 the owner or operator of a transient space marketplace for the 10 purpose of collection and payment of the tax for transactions solely 11 consummated through the transient space marketplace. Upon 12 entering an agreement with the owner or operator of a transient space marketplace, the officer may waive the responsibility of a 13 14 person engaged in the business of providing transient 15 accommodations or hotel rooms to collect and pay the tax. The 16 owner or operator of the transient space marketplace shall agree to 17 be personally liable for the collection and payment of the tax on 18 behalf of a person engaged in the business of providing transient 19 accommodations or hotel rooms.

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- 22 8. Section 1 of P.L.1991, c.376 (C.40:48-8.45) is amended to 23 read as follows:
 - 1. As used in this act:
 - a. "Convention center operating authority" means, in the case of any eligible municipality, the public authority or other governmental entity empowered to operate convention hall and the convention center facilities in the eligible municipality.
 - b. "Director" means the Director of the Division of Taxation in the Department of the Treasury.
 - c. "Eligible municipality" means any municipality in which any portion of the proceeds of a retail sales tax levied by ordinance adopted by the municipality pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1947, c.71 (C.40:48-8.15) is applied as authorized by law to the payment of costs of convention center facilities located in the municipality.
 - d. "Hotel" means a building or a portion of a building which is regularly used and kept open for the lodging of guests and includes a hotel, motel, inn, and rooming or boarding house, whether or not meals are served.
 - e. "Occupied room" means a room or rooms of any kind in any part of a hotel <u>or transient accommodation</u>, other than a place of assembly, which is used or possessed by a guest or guests, whether or not for consideration.
- f. "Residence" means a house, condominium, or other residential dwelling unit in a building or structure or part of a building or structure that is designed, constructed, leased, rented, let or hired out, or otherwise made available for use as a residence.

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- 1 g. "Transient accommodation" means a room, group of rooms, 2 or other living or sleeping space for the lodging of occupants, 3 including but not limited to residences or buildings used as 4 residences. "Transient accommodation" does not include: a hotel or 5 hotel room; a room, group of rooms, or other living or sleeping 6 space used as a place of assembly; a dormitory or other similar 7 residential facility of an elementary or secondary school or a 8 college or university; a hospital, nursing home, or other similar 9 residential facility of a provider of services for the care, support and 10 treatment of individuals that is licensed by the State; a cabin, lean-11 to, or other similar residential facility of an adult or youth camp; or 12 a room, group of rooms, or other living or sleeping space listed with a real estate agent or real estate broker licensed by the New Jersey 13 14 Real Estate Commission pursuant to R.S.45:15-1 et seq.
 - h. "Transient space marketplace" means an online marketplace through which a person may offer transient accommodations or hotel rooms to individuals. A "transient space marketplace" allows transient accommodations or hotel rooms to be advertised or listed through an online marketplace and provides a means for a customer to arrange for the occupancy of the transient accommodation or hotel room in exchange for consideration directly through the online marketplace.
- 23 (cf: P.L.1991, c.376, s.1)

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- 25 9. Section 2 of P.L.1991, c.376 (C.40:48-8.46) is amended to 26 read as follows:
- 27 2. There is authorized to be imposed on and collected from hotels and transient accommodations in an eligible municipality, fees for the promotion of tourism, conventions, resorts and casino gaming, if any, in the eligible municipality.
- 31 (cf: P.L.1991, c.376, s.2)

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- 33 10. Section 4 of P.L.1991, c.376 (C.40:48-8.48) is amended to read as follows:
 - 4. Fees under this act with respect to any eligible municipality shall be adopted by resolution of the convention center operating authority operating convention center facilities within the eligible municipality. The rate thereof shall be \$2 per day for each occupied room in the case of any hotels in the eligible municipality which provide casino gaming, and \$1 per day for each occupied room in the case of the other hotels or transient accommodations in the eligible municipality. A certified copy of the resolution shall be provided to the State Treasurer and the director.

44 (cf: P.L.1991, c.376, s.4)

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11. Section 5 of P.L.1991, c.376 (C.40:48-8.49) is amended to read as follows:

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5. The fees under this act shall be collected and administered by the director, notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the contrary. In carrying out the provisions of this section, the director shall have all the powers granted in P.L.1966, c.30 (C.54:32B-1 et seq.). The director shall determine and certify to the State Treasurer on a monthly basis the amount of revenues collected by the director pursuant to this section on account of the fees imposed pursuant to this act in an eligible municipality which are payable to the convention center operating authority operating convention center facilities in such eligible municipality. The State Treasurer upon the certification of the director and upon the warrant of the State Comptroller, shall pay and distribute on a monthly basis to the convention center operating authority the amount so determined and certified.

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(cf: P.L.1991, c.376, s.5)

- 12. Section 2 of P.L.1981, c.77 (C.40:48E-2) is amended to read as follows:
- 2. As used in this act "hotel" means a building or portion of it which is regularly used and kept open as such for the lodging of guests, and includes an apartment hotel, a motel, boarding house or club, whether or not meals are served.

"Residence" means a house, condominium, or other residential dwelling unit in a building or structure or part of a building or structure that is designed, constructed, leased, rented, let or hired out, or otherwise made available for use as a residence.

"Transient accommodation" means a room, group of rooms, or other living or sleeping space for the lodging of occupants, including but not limited to residences or buildings used as residences. "Transient accommodation" does not include: a hotel or hotel room; a room, group of rooms, or other living or sleeping space used as a place of assembly; a dormitory or other similar residential facility of an elementary or secondary school or a college or university; a hospital, nursing home, or other similar residential facility of a provider of services for the care, support and treatment of individuals that is licensed by the State; a cabin, lean-

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13 (cf: P.L.1981, c.77, s.2)

- 13. Section 3 of P.L.1981, c.77 (C.40:48E-3) is amended to read as follows:
- 3. The governing body of any city of the first class or the governing body of any city of the second class in which there is located a terminal of an international airport may make, amend, repeal and enforce an ordinance imposing in the city a tax, not to exceed 6%, on charges for the use or occupation of rooms in hotels or transient accommodations which tax shall be in addition to any other tax imposed by law.

24 (cf: P.L.1991, c.23, s.3)

- 14. Section 4 of P.L.1981, c.77 (C.40:48E-4) is amended to read as follows:
 - 4. a. The tax shall be collected on behalf of the city by the person collecting the use or occupancy charge from the hotel <u>or</u> transient accommodation customer.
 - b. Every person required to collect any tax imposed by the ordinance shall be personally liable for the tax imposed, collected or required to be collected hereunder. Any such person shall have the same right in respect to collecting the tax from his customer as if the tax were a part of the use or occupancy charge and payable at the same time; provided, however, that the chief fiscal officer of the city shall be joined as a party in any action or proceeding brought to collect the tax.
- c. The chief fiscal officer of a municipality may enter into an agreement with the owner or operator of a transient space marketplace for the purpose of collection and payment of the tax for transactions solely consummated through the transient space marketplace. Upon entering an agreement with the owner or operator of a transient space marketplace, the officer may waive the responsibility of a person engaged in the business of providing transient accommodations or hotel rooms to collect and pay the tax. The owner or operator of the transient space marketplace shall agree to be personally liable for the collection and payment of the

tax on behalf of a person engaged in the business of providing transient accommodations or hotel rooms.

- [c.] d. No person required to collect any tax hereunder shall advertise or hold out to any person or to the public in general, in any manner, directly or indirectly, that the tax will not be separately charged and stated to the customer or that the tax will be refunded to the customer.
- [d.] <u>e.</u> All revenues collected from the tax shall be remitted to the chief fiscal officer of the city on or before the dates on which municipal real property taxes are due.
- **[**e.**]** <u>f.</u> The city shall enforce the payment of delinquent hotel occupancy taxes in the same manner as provided for municipal real property taxes.

14 (cf: P.L.1981, c.77, s.4)

- 15. Section 3 of P.L.2003, c.114 (C.40:48F-1) is amended to read as follows:
- 3. The governing body of a municipality, other than a city of the first class or a city of the second class in which the tax authorized under P.L.1981, c.77 (C.40:48E-1 et seq.) is imposed, a city of the fourth class in which the tax authorized under P.L.1947, c.71 (C.40:48-8.15 et seq.) is imposed, or a municipality in which the tax and assessment authorized under section 4 of P.L.1992, c.165 (C.40:54D-4) is imposed, may adopt an ordinance imposing a tax, at a uniform percentage rate not to exceed 1% on charges of rent for every occupancy on or after July 1, 2003 but before July 1, 2004, and not to exceed 3% on charges of rent for every occupancy on or after July 1, 2004, of a room or rooms in a hotel or transient accommodation subject to taxation pursuant to subsection (d) of section 3 of P.L.1966, c.30 (C.54:32B-3). An ordinance so adopted may also require that unpaid taxes under this section shall be subject to interest at the rate of 5% per annum.

A tax imposed under this section shall be in addition to any other tax or fee imposed pursuant to statute or local ordinance or resolution by any governmental entity upon the occupancy of a hotel room.

A copy of an ordinance adopted pursuant to this section shall be transmitted upon adoption or amendment to the State Treasurer, together with a list of the names and addresses of all of the hotels and motels located in the municipality. An ordinance so adopted or any amendment thereto shall provide that the tax provisions of the ordinance or any amendment to the tax provisions shall take effect on the first day of the first full month occurring 30 days after the date of transmittal to the State Treasurer for ordinances adopted in calendar year 2003 and on the first day of the first full month occurring 90 days after the date of transmittal to the State Treasurer for ordinances adopted in calendar year 2004 and thereafter.

A municipality that has adopted an ordinance pursuant to this section shall annually provide to the State Treasurer, not later than January 1 of each year, a list of the names and addresses of all of the hotels and motels located in the municipality. A municipality shall also provide to the State Treasurer the name and address of any hotel or motel that commences operation after January 1 of any year.

(cf: P.L.2010, c.55, s.1)

- 16. Section 5 of P.L.2003, c.114 (C.40:48F-3) is amended to read as follows:
- 5. a. A tax imposed pursuant to a municipal ordinance adopted under the provisions of section 3 of P.L.2003, c.114 (C.40:48F-1) shall be collected on behalf of the municipality by the person collecting the rent from the hotel customer.
- b. Each person required to collect a tax imposed by the ordinance shall be personally liable for the tax imposed, collected or required to be collected hereunder. Any such person shall have the same right in respect to collecting the tax from a customer as if the tax were a part of the rent and payable at the same time; provided, however, that the chief fiscal officer of the municipality shall be joined as a party in any action or proceeding brought to collect the tax.
- c. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, the Director of the Division of Taxation in the Department of the Treasury may enter into an agreement with the owner or operator of a transient space marketplace for the purpose of collection and payment of the tax for transactions solely consummated through the transient space marketplace. Upon entering an agreement with the owner or operator of a transient space marketplace, the director may waive the responsibility of a person engaged in the business of providing transient accommodations or hotel rooms to collect and pay the tax. The owner or operator of the transient space marketplace shall agree to be personally liable for the collection and payment of the tax on behalf of a person engaged in the business of providing transient accommodations or hotel rooms.
- 38 (cf: P.L.2003, c.114, s.5)

- 40 17. Section 3 of P.L.1992, c.165 (C.40:54D-3) is amended to read as follows:
- 42 3. As used in this act:

"Authority" means a tourism improvement and development authority created pursuant to section 18 of this act, P.L.1992, c.165 (C.40:54D-18).

"Beach operation offset payment " means a payment made by an authority to municipalities in its district for tourism development activities related to operating and maintaining public beaches within a zone to seaward of a line of demarcation located not more than 1,000 feet from the mean high water line.

"Bond" means any bond or note issued by an authority pursuant to the provisions of this act.

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of the Department of Commerce and Economic Development.

"Construction" means the planning, designing, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, replacement, repair, extension, enlargement, improvement and betterment of a project, and includes the demolition, clearance and removal of buildings or structures on land acquired, held, leased or used for a project.

"Convention center facility" means any convention hall or center or like structure or building, and shall include all facilities, including commercial, office, community service, parking facilities and all property rights, easements and interests, and other facilities constructed for the accommodation and entertainment of tourists and visitors, constructed in conjunction with a convention center facility and forming reasonable appurtenances thereto but does not mean the Wildwood convention center facility as defined in this section.

"Tourism project" means the convention center facility or outdoor special events arena, or both, located in the territorial limits of the district, and any costs associated therewith but does not mean the Wildwood convention center facility as defined in this section.

"Cost" means all or any part of the expenses incurred in connection with the acquisition, construction and maintenance of any real property, lands, structures, real or personal property rights, rights-of-way, franchises, easements, and interests acquired or used for a project; any financing charges and reserves for the payment of principal and interest on bonds or notes; the expenses of engineering, appraisal, architectural, accounting, financial and legal services; and other expenses as may be necessary or incident to the acquisition, construction and maintenance of a project, the financing thereof and the placing of the project into operation.

"County" means a county of the sixth class.

"Director" means the Director of the Division of Taxation in the Department of the Treasury.

"Fund" means a Reserve Fund created pursuant to section 13 of P.L.1992, c.165 (C.40:54D-13).

"Outdoor special events arena" means a facility or structure for the holding outdoors of public events, entertainments, sporting events, concerts or similar activities, and shall include all facilities, property rights and interests, and all appurtenances reasonably related thereto, constructed for the accommodation and entertainment of tourists and visitors.

"Participant amusement" means a sporting activity or amusement the charge for which is exempt from taxation under the "Sales and Use Tax Act," P.L.1966, c.30 (C.54:32B-1 et seq.) by virtue of the

- 1 participation of the patron in the activity or amusement, such as
- 2 bowling alleys, swimming pools, water slides, miniature golf,
- 3 boardwalk or carnival games and amusements, baseball batting
- 4 cages, tennis courts, and fishing and sightseeing boats.
 - "Predominantly tourism related retail receipts" means:
 - a. The rent for every occupancy of a room or rooms in a hotel or transient accommodation subject to taxation pursuant to subsection (d) of section 3 of the "Sales and Use Tax Act,"
- 9 P.L.1966, c.30 (C.54:32B-3);

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- b. Receipts from the sale of food and drink in or by restaurants,
- 11 taverns, or other establishments in the district, or by caterers,
- 12 including in the amount of such receipt any cover, minimum,
- 13 entertainment or other charge made to patrons or customers, subject
- 14 to taxation pursuant to subsection (c) of section 3 of the "Sales and
- Use Tax Act," P.L.1966, c.30 (C.54:32B-3) but excluding receipts
- 16 from sales of food and beverages sold through coin operated
- 17 vending machines; and
- 18 c. Admissions charges to or the use of any place of amusement
- or of any roof garden, cabaret or similar place, subject to taxation
- 20 pursuant to subsection (e) of section 3 of the "Sales and Use Tax
- 21 Act," P.L.1966, c.30 (C.54:32B-3).
- 22 "Purchaser" means any person purchasing or hiring property or
- 23 services from another person, the receipts or charges from which
- 24 are taxable by an ordinance authorized under P.L.1992,
- 25 c.165 (C.40:54D-1 et seq.).
- 26 "Residence" means a house, condominium, or other residential
- 27 dwelling unit in a building or structure or part of a building or
- 28 structure that is designed, constructed, leased, rented, let or hired
- 29 <u>out, or otherwise made available for use as a residence.</u>
- 30 "Sports authority" means the New Jersey Sports and Exposition
- 31 Authority established pursuant to P.L.1971, c.137 (C.5:10-1 et
- 32 seq.).
- 33 "Tourism" means activities involved in providing and marketing
- 34 services and products, including accommodations, for nonresidents
- and residents who travel to and in New Jersey for recreation and
- 36 pleasure.
- 37 "Tourism assessment" means an assessment on the rent for every
- 38 occupancy of a room or rooms in a hotel or transient
- 39 accommodation subject to taxation pursuant to subsection (d) of
- 40 section 3 of the "Sales and Use Tax Act," P.L.1966,
- 41 c.30 (C.54:32B-3).
- 42 "Tourism development activities" include operations of the
- authority to carry out its statutory duty to promote, advertise and
- 44 market the district, including making beach operation offset
- 45 payments.
- 46 "Tourism development fee" means a fee imposed by ordinance
- 47 pursuant to section 15 of P.L.1992, c.165 (C.40:54D-15).

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"Tourism improvement and development district" or "district" means an area within two or more contiguous municipalities within a county of the sixth class established pursuant to ordinance enacted by those municipalities, for the purposes of promoting the acquisition, construction, maintenance, operation and support of a tourism project, and to devote the revenue and the proceeds from taxes upon predominantly tourism related retail receipts and from tourism development fees to the purposes as herein defined.

"Tourist industry" means the industry consisting of private and public organizations which directly or indirectly provide services and products to nonresidents and residents who travel to and in New Jersey for recreation and pleasure.

"Tourism lodging" means any dwelling unit, other than a dwelling unit in a hotel the rent for which is subject to taxation under the "Sales and Use Tax Act," P.L.1966, c.30 (C.54:32B-1 et seq.), regardless of the form of ownership of the unit, rented with or without a lease, whether rented by the owner or by an agent for the owner.

"Transient accommodation" means a room, group of rooms, or other living or sleeping space for the lodging of occupants, including but not limited to residences or buildings used as residences. "Transient accommodation" does not include: a hotel or hotel room; a room, group of rooms, or other living or sleeping space used as a place of assembly; a dormitory or other similar residential facility of an elementary or secondary school or a college or university; a hospital, nursing home, or other similar residential facility of a provider of services for the care, support and treatment of individuals that is licensed by the State; a cabin, leanto, or other similar residential facility of an adult or youth camp; or a room, group of rooms, or other living or sleeping space listed with a real estate agent or real estate broker licensed by the New Jersey Real Estate Commission pursuant to R.S.45:15-1 et seq.

"Transient space marketplace" means an online marketplace through which a person may offer transient accommodations or hotel rooms to individuals. A "transient space marketplace" allows transient accommodations or hotel rooms to be advertised or listed through an online marketplace and provides a means for a customer to arrange for the occupancy of the transient accommodation or hotel room in exchange for consideration directly through the online marketplace.

"Vendor" means a person selling or hiring property or services to another person, the receipts or charges from which are taxable by an ordinance authorized under P.L.1992, c.165 (C.40:54D-1 et seq.).

"Wildwood convention center facility" means the project authorized by paragraph (12) of subsection a. of section 6 of P.L.1971, c.137 (C.5:10-6).

47 (cf: P.L.2005, c.78, s.1)

18. Section 9 of P.L.1992, c.165 (C.40:54D-9) is amended to read as follows:

- a. A vendor required to collect the tax upon predominantly tourism related retail receipts or tourism assessment imposed pursuant to this act shall on or before the dates required pursuant to section 17 of P.L.1966, c.30 (C.54:32B-17), forward to the director the tax and assessments collected in the preceding month and make and file a return for the preceding month with the director on any form and containing any information as the Director of the Division of Taxation in the Department of the Treasury shall prescribe by rule or regulation as necessary to determine liability for the tax and assessment in the preceding month during which the person was required to collect the tax.
 - (2) A vendor required to collect the tax upon predominantly tourism related retail receipts and the tourism assessment shall be personally liable for the tax or assessment imposed, collected, or required to be paid, collected, or remitted under section 4 of P.L.1992, c.165 (C.40:54D-4). Any such vendor shall have the same right in respect to collecting the tax or assessment from that vendor's customer or in respect to non-payment of the tax or assessment by the customer as if the tax or assessment were a part of the purchase price of the property or service, amusement charge or rent, as the case may be, and payable at the same time; provided however, that the director shall be joined as a party in any action or proceeding brought to collect the tax or assessment.

For purposes of this paragraph, "vendor" includes: an individual, partnership, corporation, or an officer, director, stockholder, or employee of a corporation, or a member or employee of a partnership, who as such officer, director, stockholder, employee, or member is under the duty to perform the act in respect of which the violation occurs.

- (3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, the Director of the Division of Taxation in the Department of the Treasury may enter into an agreement with the owner or operator of a transient space marketplace for the purpose of collection and payment of the tax for transactions solely consummated through the transient space marketplace. Upon entering an agreement with the owner or operator of a transient space marketplace, the director may waive the responsibility of a person engaged in the business of providing transient accommodations or hotel rooms to collect and pay the tax. The owner or operator of the transient space marketplace shall agree to be personally liable for the collection and payment of the tax on behalf of a person engaged in the business of providing transient accommodations or hotel rooms.
- b. The director may permit or require returns to be made covering other periods and upon any dates as the director may specify. In addition, the director may require payments of tax and

assessment liability at any intervals and based upon any classifications as the director may designate. In prescribing any other periods to be covered by the return or intervals or classifications for payment of tax and assessment liability, the director may take into account the dollar volume of tax and assessment involved as well as the need for ensuring the prompt and orderly collection of the tax imposed.

- c. The director may require amended returns to be filed within 20 days after notice and to contain the information specified in the notice.
- d. The director shall inform the authority for each month in which this tax and assessment is collected and returns made of the amount so collected in each month.

14 (cf: P.L.2007, c.102, s.1)

- 19. Section 2 of P.L.1966, c.30 (C.54:32B-2) is amended to read as follows:
- 2. Unless the context in which they occur requires otherwise, the following terms when used in this act shall mean:
- (a) "Person" includes an individual, trust, partnership, limited partnership, limited liability company, society, association, joint stock company, corporation, public corporation or public authority, estate, receiver, trustee, assignee, referee, fiduciary and any other legal entity.
- (b) "Purchase at retail" means a purchase by any person at a retail sale.
- (c) "Purchaser" means a person to whom a sale of personal property is made or to whom a service is furnished.
- (d) "Receipt" means the amount of the sales price of any tangible personal property, specified digital product or service taxable under this act.
- (e) "Retail sale" means any sale, lease, or rental for any purpose, other than for resale, sublease, or subrent.
- (1) For the purposes of this act a sale is for "resale, sublease, or subrent" if it is a sale (A) for resale either as such or as converted into or as a component part of a product produced for sale by the purchaser, including the conversion of natural gas into another intermediate or end product, other than electricity or thermal energy, produced for sale by the purchaser, (B) for use by that person in performing the services subject to tax under subsection (b) of section 3 where the property so sold becomes a physical component part of the property upon which the services are performed or where the property so sold is later actually transferred to the purchaser of the service in conjunction with the performance of the service subject to tax, (C) of telecommunications service to a telecommunications service provided to an ultimate customer, or (D) to a person who receives by contract a product transferred

- electronically for further commercial broadcast, rebroadcast, transmission, retransmission, licensing, relicensing, distribution, redistribution or exhibition of the product, in whole or in part, to another person, other than rights to redistribute based on statutory or common law doctrine such as fair use.
 - (2) For the purposes of this act, the term "retail sale" includes: sales of tangible personal property to all contractors, subcontractors or repairmen of materials and supplies for use by them in erecting structures for others, or building on, or otherwise improving, altering, or repairing real property of others.
 - (3) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2005, c.126).
 - (4) The term "retail sale" does not include:

- (A) Professional, insurance, or personal service transactions which involve the transfer of tangible personal property as an inconsequential element, for which no separate charges are made.
- (B) The transfer of tangible personal property to a corporation, solely in consideration for the issuance of its stock, pursuant to a merger or consolidation effected under the laws of New Jersey or any other jurisdiction.
- (C) The distribution of property by a corporation to its stockholders as a liquidating dividend.
- (D) The distribution of property by a partnership to its partners in whole or partial liquidation.
- (E) The transfer of property to a corporation upon its organization in consideration for the issuance of its stock.
- (F) The contribution of property to a partnership in consideration for a partnership interest therein.
- (G) The sale of tangible personal property where the purpose of the vendee is to hold the thing transferred as security for the performance of an obligation of the seller.
- (f) "Sale, selling or purchase" means any transfer of title or possession or both, exchange or barter, rental, lease or license to use or consume, conditional or otherwise, in any manner or by any means whatsoever for a consideration, or any agreement therefor, including the rendering of any service, taxable under this act, for a consideration or any agreement therefor.
- (g) "Tangible personal property" means personal property that can be seen, weighed, measured, felt, or touched, or that is in any other manner perceptible to the senses. "Tangible personal property" includes electricity, water, gas, steam, and prewritten computer software including prewritten computer software delivered electronically.
- (h) "Use" means the exercise of any right or power over tangible personal property, specified digital products, services to property or products, or services by the purchaser thereof and includes, but is not limited to, the receiving, storage or any keeping or retention for any length of time, withdrawal from storage, any distribution, any installation, any affixation to real or personal property, or any

consumption of such property or products. Use also includes the exercise of any right or power over intrastate or interstate telecommunications and prepaid calling services. Use also includes the exercise of any right or power over utility service. Use also includes the derivation of a direct or indirect benefit from a service.

- (i) "Seller" means a person making sales, leases or rentals of personal property or services.
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- (A) A person making sales, leases or rentals of tangible personal property, specified digital products or services, the receipts from which are taxed by this act;
- (B) A person maintaining a place of business in the State or having an agent maintaining a place of business in the State and making sales, whether at such place of business or elsewhere, to persons within the State of tangible personal property, specified digital products or services, the use of which is taxed by this act;
- (C) A person who solicits business either by employees, independent contractors, agents or other representatives or by distribution of catalogs or other advertising matter and by reason thereof makes sales to persons within the State of tangible personal property, specified digital products or services, the use of which is taxed by this act .

A person making sales of tangible personal property, specified digital products, or services taxable under the "Sales and Use Tax Act," P.L.1966, c.30 (C.54:32B-1 et seq.) shall be presumed to be soliciting business through an independent contractor or other representative if the person making sales enters into an agreement with an independent contractor having physical presence in this State or other representative having physical presence in this State, for a commission or other consideration, under which the independent contractor or representative directly or indirectly refers potential customers, whether by a link on an internet website or otherwise, and the cumulative gross receipts from sales to customers in this State who were referred by all independent contractors or representatives that have this type of an agreement with the person making sales are in excess of \$10,000 during the preceding four quarterly periods ending on the last day of March, June, September, and December. This presumption may be rebutted by proof that the independent contractor or representative with whom the person making sales has an agreement did not engage in any solicitation in the State on behalf of the person that would satisfy the nexus requirements of the United States Constitution during the four quarterly periods in question. Nothing in this subparagraph shall be construed to narrow the scope of the terms independent contractor or other representative for purposes of any other provision of the "Sales and Use Tax Act," P.L.1966, c.30 (C.54:32B-1 et seq.);

- (D) Any other person making sales to persons within the State of tangible personal property, specified digital products or services, the use of which is taxed by this act, who may be authorized by the director to collect the tax imposed by this act;
- (E) The State of New Jersey, any of its agencies, instrumentalities, public authorities, public corporations (including a public corporation created pursuant to agreement or compact with another state) or political subdivisions when such entity sells services or property of a kind ordinarily sold by private persons;
 - (F) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2005, c.126);

- (G) A person who sells, stores, delivers or transports energy to users or customers in this State whether by mains, lines or pipes located within this State or by any other means of delivery;
- (H) A person engaged in collecting charges in the nature of initiation fees, membership fees or dues for access to or use of the property or facilities of a health and fitness, athletic, sporting or shopping club or organization; and
- (I) A person engaged in the business of parking, storing or garaging motor vehicles.
- (2) In addition, when in the opinion of the director it is necessary for the efficient administration of this act to treat any salesman, representative, peddler or canvasser as the agent of the seller, distributor, supervisor or employer under whom the agent operates or from whom the agent obtains tangible personal property or a specified digital product sold by the agent or for whom the agent solicits business, the director may, in the director's discretion, treat such agent as the seller jointly responsible with the agent's principal, distributor, supervisor or employer for the collection and payment over of the tax. A person is an agent of a seller in all cases, but not limited to such cases, that: (A) the person and the seller have the relationship of a "related person" described pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1993, c.170 (C.54:10A-5.5); and (B) the seller and the person use an identical or substantially similar name, tradename, trademark, or goodwill, to develop, promote, or maintain sales, or the person and the seller pay for each other's services in whole or in part contingent upon the volume or value of sales, or the person and the seller share a common business plan or substantially coordinate their business plans, or the person provides services to, or that inure to the benefit of, the seller related to developing, promoting, or maintaining the seller's market.
- (3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, the director may enter into an agreement with the owner or operator of a transient space marketplace for the purpose of collection and payment of the tax for transactions solely consummated through the transient space marketplace. Upon entering an agreement with the owner or operator of a transient space marketplace, the director may waive the responsibility of a person engaged in the business of providing transient

accommodations or hotel rooms to collect and pay the tax. The
owner or operator of the transient space marketplace shall agree to
be personally liable for the collection and payment of the tax on
behalf of a person engaged in the business of providing transient
accommodations or hotel rooms.

- (j) "Hotel" means a building or portion of it which is regularly used and kept open as such for the lodging of guests. The term "hotel" includes an apartment hotel, a motel, boarding house or club, whether or not meals are served , but does not include a transient accommodation.
- (k) "Occupancy" means the use or possession or the right to the use or possession, of any room in a hotel <u>or transient accommodation</u>.
- (1) "Occupant" means a person who, for a consideration, uses, possesses, or has the right to use or possess, any room in a hotel or transient accommodation under any lease, concession, permit, right of access, license to use or other agreement, or otherwise.
- (m) "Permanent resident" means any occupant of any room or rooms in a hotel <u>or transient accommodation</u> for at least 90 consecutive days shall be considered a permanent resident with regard to the period of such occupancy.
- (n) "Room" means any room or rooms of any kind in any part or portion of a hotel <u>or transient accommodation</u>, which is available for or let out for any purpose other than a place of assembly.
- (o) "Admission charge" means the amount paid for admission, including any service charge and any charge for entertainment or amusement or for the use of facilities therefor.
- (p) "Amusement charge" means any admission charge, dues or charge of a roof garden, cabaret or other similar place.
- (q) "Charge of a roof garden, cabaret or other similar place" means any charge made for admission, refreshment, service, or merchandise at a roof garden, cabaret or other similar place.
- (r) "Dramatic or musical arts admission charge" means any admission charge paid for admission to a theater, opera house, concert hall or other hall or place of assembly for a live, dramatic, choreographic or musical performance.
- (s) "Lessor" means any person who is the owner, licensee, or lessee of any premises, tangible personal property or a specified digital product which the person leases, subleases, or grants a license to use to other persons.
- (t) "Place of amusement" means any place where any facilities for entertainment, amusement, or sports are provided.
- (u) "Casual sale" means an isolated or occasional sale of an item of tangible personal property or a specified digital product by a person who is not regularly engaged in the business of making retail sales of such property or product where the item of tangible personal property or the specified digital product was obtained by

the person making the sale, through purchase or otherwise, for the person's own use.

- (v) "Motor vehicle" includes all vehicles propelled otherwise than by muscular power (excepting such vehicles as run only upon rails or tracks), trailers, semitrailers, house trailers, or any other type of vehicle drawn by a motor-driven vehicle, and motorcycles, designed for operation on the public highways.
- (w) "Persons required to collect tax" or "persons required to collect any tax imposed by this act" includes: every seller of tangible personal property, specified digital products or services; every recipient of amusement charges; every operator of a hotel or transient accommodation; every seller of a telecommunications service; every recipient of initiation fees, membership fees or dues for access to or use of the property or facilities of a health and fitness, athletic, sporting or shopping club or organization; and every recipient of charges for parking, storing or garaging a motor vehicle. Said terms shall also include any officer or employee of a corporation or of a dissolved corporation who as such officer or employee is under a duty to act for such corporation in complying with any requirement of this act and any member of a partnership.
- (x) "Customer" includes: every purchaser of tangible personal property, specified digital products or services; every patron paying or liable for the payment of any amusement charge; every occupant of a room or rooms in a hotel or transient accommodation; every person paying charges in the nature of initiation fees, membership fees or dues for access to or use of the property or facilities of a health and fitness, athletic, sporting or shopping club or organization; and every purchaser of parking, storage or garaging a motor vehicle.
- (y) "Property and services the use of which is subject to tax" includes: (1) all property sold to a person within the State, whether or not the sale is made within the State, the use of which property is subject to tax under section 6 or will become subject to tax when such property is received by or comes into the possession or control of such person within the State; (2) all services rendered to a person within the State, whether or not such services are performed within the State, upon tangible personal property or a specified digital product the use of which is subject to tax under section 6 or will become subject to tax when such property or product is distributed within the State or is received by or comes into possession or control of such person within the State; (3) intrastate, interstate, or international telecommunications sourced to this State pursuant to section 29 of P.L.2005, c.126 (C.54:32B-3.4); (4) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1995, c.184); (5) energy sold, exchanged or delivered in this State for use in this State; (6) utility service sold, exchanged or delivered in this State for use in this State; (7) mail processing services in connection with printed advertising material distributed in this State; (8) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2005,

- 1 c.126); and (9) services the benefit of which are received in this 2 State.
 - (z) "Director" means the Director of the Division of Taxation in the State Department of the Treasury, or any officer, employee or agency of the Division of Taxation in the Department of the Treasury duly authorized by the director (directly, or indirectly by one or more redelegations of authority) to perform the functions mentioned or described in this act.
 - (aa) "Lease or rental" means any transfer of possession or control of tangible personal property for a fixed or indeterminate term for consideration. A "lease or rental" may include future options to purchase or extend.
 - (1) "Lease or rental" does not include:

- (A) A transfer of possession or control of property under a security agreement or deferred payment plan that requires the transfer of title upon completion of the required payments;
- (B) A transfer of possession or control of property under an agreement that requires the transfer of title upon completion of required payments and payment of an option price does not exceed the greater of \$100 or one percent of the total required payments; or
- (C) Providing tangible personal property or a specified digital product along with an operator for a fixed or indeterminate period of time. A condition of this exclusion is that the operator is necessary for the equipment to perform as designed. For the purpose of this subparagraph, an operator must do more than maintain, inspect, or set-up the tangible personal property or specified digital product.
- (2) "Lease or rental" does include agreements covering motor vehicles and trailers where the amount of consideration may be increased or decreased by reference to the amount realized upon sale or disposition of the property as defined in 26 U.S.C. s.7701(h)(1).
- (3) The definition of "lease or rental" provided in this subsection shall be used for the purposes of this act regardless of whether a transaction is characterized as a lease or rental under generally accepted accounting principles, the federal Internal Revenue Code or other provisions of federal, state or local law.
 - (bb)(Deleted by amendment, P.L.2005, c.126).
- (cc) "Telecommunications service" means the electronic transmission, conveyance, or routing of voice, data, audio, video, or any other information or signals to a point, or between or among points.

"Telecommunications service" shall include such transmission, conveyance, or routing in which computer processing applications are used to act on the form, code, or protocol of the content for purposes of transmission, conveyance, or routing without regard to whether such service is referred to as voice over Internet protocol

- 1 services or is classified by the Federal Communications 2 Commission as enhanced or value added.
- 3 "Telecommunications service" shall not include:
- (1) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2008, c.123); 4
- 5 (2) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2008, c.123);
- 6 (3) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2008, c.123);
- 7 (4) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2008, c.123);
- 8 (5) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2008, c.123);
- 9 (6) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2008, c.123);
- 10 (7) data processing and information services that allow data to 11 be generated, acquired, stored, processed, or retrieved and delivered 12 by an electronic transmission to a purchaser where such purchaser's primary purpose for the underlying transaction is the processed data
- 13 14 or information;
- (8) installation or maintenance of wiring or equipment on a 16 customer's premises;
 - (9) tangible personal property;

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- advertising, including but not limited to directory (10)advertising;
 - (11) billing and collection services provided to third parties;
 - (12) internet access service;
 - (13) radio and television audio and video programming services, regardless of the medium, including the furnishing of transmission, conveyance, and routing of such services by the programming service provider. Radio and television audio and video programming services shall include but not be limited to cable service as defined in section 47 U.S.C. s.522(6) and audio and video programming services delivered by commercial mobile radio service providers, as defined in section 47 C.F.R. 20.3;
 - (14) ancillary services; or
- (15) digital products delivered electronically, including but not limited to software, music, video, reading materials, or ringtones.
- 33 For the purposes of this subsection:
 - "ancillary service" means a service that is associated with or incidental to the provision of telecommunications services, including but not limited to detailed telecommunications billing, directory assistance, vertical service, and voice mail service;
 - "conference bridging service" means an ancillary service that links two or more participants of an audio or video conference call and may include the provision of a telephone number. Conference bridging service does not include the telecommunications services used to reach the conference bridge;
- 43 "detailed telecommunications billing service" means an ancillary 44 service of separately stating information pertaining to individual 45 calls on a customer's billing statement;
- 46 "directory assistance" means an ancillary service of providing 47 telephone number information or address information or both;

"vertical service" means an ancillary service that is offered in connection with one or more telecommunications services, which offers advanced calling features that allow customers to identify callers and to manage multiple calls and call connections, including conference bridging services; and

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"voice mail service" means an ancillary service that enables the customer to store, send, or receive recorded messages. Voice mail service does not include any vertical service that a customer may be required to have to utilize the voice mail service.

- "Intrastate telecommunications" (dd) (1) telecommunications service that originates in one United States state or a United States territory or possession or federal district, and terminates in the same United States state or United States territory or possession or federal district.
- telecommunications" (2) "Interstate means a telecommunications service that originates in one United States state or a United States territory or possession or federal district, and terminates in a different United States state or United States territory or possession or federal district.
- (3) "International telecommunications" means telecommunications service that originates or terminates in the United States and terminates or originates outside the United States, respectively. "United States" includes the District of Columbia or a United States territory or possession.
 - (ee) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2008, c.123)
- 26 (ff) "Natural gas" means any gaseous fuel distributed through a pipeline system.
 - (gg) "Energy" means natural gas or electricity.
 - (hh) "Utility service" means the transportation or transmission of natural gas or electricity by means of mains, wires, lines or pipes, to users or customers.
 - (ii) "Self-generation unit" means a facility located on the user's property, or on property purchased or leased from the user by the person owning the self-generation unit and such property is contiguous to the user's property, which generates electricity to be used only by that user on the user's property and is not transported to the user over wires that cross a property line or public thoroughfare unless the property line or public thoroughfare merely bifurcates the user's or self-generation unit owner's otherwise contiguous property.
 - (ii) "Co-generation facility" means a facility the primary purpose of which is the sequential production of electricity and steam or other forms of useful energy which are used for industrial or commercial heating or cooling purposes and which is designated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, or its successor, as a "qualifying facility" pursuant to the provisions of the "Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978," Pub.L.95-617.

- 1 (kk) "Non-utility" means a company engaged in the sale, 2 exchange or transfer of natural gas that was not subject to the 3 provisions of P.L.1940, c.5 (C.54:30A-49 et seq.) prior to 4 December 31, 1997.
 - (ll) "Pre-paid calling service" means the right to access exclusively telecommunications services, which shall be paid for in advance and which enables the origination of calls using an access number or authorization code, whether manually or electronically dialed, and that is sold in predetermined units or dollars of which the number declines with use in a known amount.
 - (mm) "Mobile telecommunications service" means the same as that term is defined in the federal "Mobile Telecommunications Sourcing Act," 4 U.S.C. s.124 (Pub.L.106-252).
 - (nn) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2008, c.123)
 - (oo) (1) "Sales price" is the measure subject to sales tax and means the total amount of consideration, including cash, credit, property, and services, for which personal property or services are sold, leased, or rented, valued in money, whether received in money or otherwise, without any deduction for the following:
 - (A) The seller's cost of the property sold;
 - (B) The cost of materials used, labor or service cost, interest, losses, all costs of transportation to the seller, all taxes imposed on the seller, and any other expense of the seller;
 - (C) Charges by the seller for any services necessary to complete the sale;
 - (D) Delivery charges;

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- (E) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2011, c.49); and
- 28 (F) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2008, c.123).
- 29 (2) "Sales price" does not include:
 - (A) Discounts, including cash, term, or coupons that are not reimbursed by a third party, that are allowed by a seller and taken by a purchaser on a sale;
 - (B) Interest, financing, and carrying charges from credit extended on the sale of personal property or services, if the amount is separately stated on the invoice, bill of sale, or similar document given to the purchaser;
 - (C) Any taxes legally imposed directly on the consumer that are separately stated on the invoice, bill of sale, or similar document given to the purchaser;
 - (D) The amount of sales price for which food stamps have been properly tendered in full or part payment pursuant to the federal Food Stamp Act of 1977, Pub.L.95-113 (7 U.S.C. s.2011 et seq.); or
- 43 (E) Credit for any trade-in of property of the same kind accepted 44 in part payment and intended for resale if the amount is separately 45 stated on the invoice, bill of sale, or similar document given to the 46 purchaser.
- 47 (3) "Sales price" includes consideration received by the seller 48 from third parties if:

- (A) The seller actually receives consideration from a party other than the purchaser and the consideration is directly related to a price reduction or discount on the sale;
- (B) The seller has an obligation to pass the price reduction or discount through to the purchaser;
- (C) The amount of the consideration attributable to the sale is fixed and determinable by the seller at the time of the sale of the item to the purchaser; and
 - (D) One of the following criteria is met:

- (i) the purchaser presents a coupon, certificate, or other documentation to the seller to claim a price reduction or discount where the coupon, certificate, or documentation is authorized, distributed, or granted by a third party with the understanding that the third party will reimburse any seller to whom the coupon, certificate, or documentation is presented;
- (ii) the purchaser identifies himself to the seller as a member of a group or organization entitled to a price reduction or discount; provided however, that a preferred customer card that is available to any patron does not constitute membership in such a group; or
- (iii) the price reduction or discount is identified as a third party price reduction or discount on the invoice received by the purchaser or on a coupon, certificate, or other documentation presented by the purchaser.
- (4) In the case of a bundled transaction that includes a telecommunications service, an ancillary service, internet access, or an audio or video programming service, if the price is attributable to products that are taxable and products that are nontaxable, the portion of the price attributable to the nontaxable products is subject to tax unless the provider can identify by reasonable and verifiable standards such portion from its books and records that are kept in the regular course of business for other purposes, including non-tax purposes.
- (pp) "Purchase price" means the measure subject to use tax and has the same meaning as "sales price."
- (qq) "Sales tax" means the tax imposed on certain transactions pursuant to the provisions of the "Sales and Use Tax Act," P.L.1966, c.30 (C.54:32B-1 et seq.).
- (rr) "Delivery charges" means charges by the seller for preparation and delivery to a location designated by the purchaser of personal property or services including, but not limited to, transportation, shipping, postage, handling, crating, and packing. If a shipment includes both exempt and taxable property, the seller should allocate the delivery charge by using: (1) a percentage based on the total sales price of the taxable property compared to the total sales price of all property in the shipment; or (2) a percentage based on the total weight of the taxable property compared to the total weight of all property in the shipment. The seller shall tax the percentage of the delivery charge allocated to the taxable property

- but is not required to tax the percentage allocated to the exempt property.
- 3 (ss) "Direct mail" means printed material delivered or distributed by United States mail or other delivery service to a mass 4 5 audience or to addresses on a mailing list provided by the purchaser 6 or at the direction of the purchaser in cases in which the cost of the 7 items are not billed directly to the recipients. "Direct mail" includes tangible personal property supplied directly or indirectly 8 9 by the purchaser to the direct mail seller for inclusion in the
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- 13 (tt) "Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement" means the 14 agreement entered into as governed and authorized by the "Uniform 15 Sales and Use Tax Administration Act," P.L.2001, 16 c.431 (C.54:32B-44 et seq.).
- 17 (uu) "Alcoholic beverages" means beverages that are suitable 18 for human consumption and contain one-half of one percent or more 19 of alcohol by volume.
 - (vv) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2011, c.49)
 - (ww) "Landscaping services" means services that result in a capital improvement to land other than structures of any kind whatsoever, such as: seeding, sodding or grass plugging of new lawns; planting trees, shrubs, hedges, plants; and clearing and filling land.
 - (xx) "Investigation and security services" means:
 - (1) investigation and detective services, including detective agencies and private investigators, and fingerprint, polygraph, missing person tracing and skip tracing services;
 - (2) security guard and patrol services, including bodyguard and personal protection, guard dog, guard, patrol, and security services;
 - (3) armored car services; and
 - (4) security systems services, including security, burglar, and fire alarm installation, repair or monitoring services.
 - (yy) "Information services" means the furnishing of information of any kind, which has been collected, compiled, or analyzed by the seller, and provided through any means or method, other than personal or individual information which is not incorporated into reports furnished to other people.
 - (zz) "Specified digital product" means an electronically transferred digital audio-visual work, digital audio work, or digital book; provided however, that a digital code which provides a purchaser with a right to obtain the product shall be treated in the same manner as a specified digital product.
- 45 (aaa) "Digital audio-visual work" means a series of related 46 images which, when shown in succession, impart an impression of 47 motion, together with accompanying sounds, if any.

- 1 (bbb) "Digital audio work" means a work that results from the 2 fixation of a series of musical, spoken, or other sounds, including a 3 ringtone.
 - (ccc) "Digital book" means a work that is generally recognized in the ordinary and usual sense as a book.
 - (ddd) "Transferred electronically" means obtained by the purchaser by means other than tangible storage media.
 - (eee) "Ringtone" means a digitized sound file that is downloaded onto a device and that may be used to alert the purchaser with respect to a communication.
 - (fff) "Residence" means a house, condominium, or other residential dwelling unit in a building or structure or part of a building or structure that is designed, constructed, leased, rented, let or hired out, or otherwise made available for use as a residence.
 - (ggg) "Transient accommodation" means a room, group of rooms, or other living or sleeping space for the lodging of occupants, including but not limited to residences or buildings used as residences. "Transient accommodation" does not include: a hotel or hotel room; a room, group of rooms, or other living or sleeping space used as a place of assembly; a dormitory or other similar residential facility of an elementary or secondary school or a college or university; a hospital, nursing home, or other similar residential facility of a provider of services for the care, support and treatment of individuals that is licensed by the State; a cabin, leanto, or other similar residential facility of an adult or youth camp; or a room, group of rooms, or other living or sleeping space listed with a real estate agent or real estate broker licensed by the New Jersey Real Estate Commission pursuant to R.S.45:15-1 et seq.
 - (hhh) "Transient space marketplace" means an online marketplace through which a person may offer transient accommodations or hotel rooms to individuals. A "transient space marketplace" allows transient accommodations or hotel rooms to be advertised or listed through an online marketplace and provides a means for a customer to arrange for the occupancy of the transient accommodation or hotel room in exchange for consideration directly through the online marketplace.

37 (cf: P.L.2014, c.13, s.4)

- 39 20. Section 3 of P.L.1966, c.30 (C.54:32B-3) is amended to read 40 as follows:
- 3. There is imposed and there shall be paid a tax of 7% on or before December 31, 2016, 6.875% on and after January 1, 2017 but before January 1, 2018, and 6.625% on and after January 1, 2018 upon:
- 45 (a) The receipts from every retail sale of tangible personal 46 property or a specified digital product for permanent use or less 47 than permanent use, and regardless of whether continued payment is 48 required, except as otherwise provided in this act.

(b) The receipts from every sale, except for resale, of the following services:

- (1) Producing, fabricating, processing, printing or imprinting tangible personal property or a specified digital product, performed for a person who directly or indirectly furnishes the tangible personal property or specified digital product, not purchased by him for resale, upon which such services are performed.
- (2) Installing tangible personal property or a specified digital product, or maintaining, servicing, repairing tangible personal property or a specified digital product not held for sale in the regular course of business, whether or not the services are performed directly or by means of coin-operated equipment or by any other means, and whether or not any tangible personal property or specified digital product is transferred in conjunction therewith, except (i) such services rendered by an individual who is engaged directly by a private homeowner or lessee in or about his residence and who is not in a regular trade or business offering his services to the public, (ii) such services rendered with respect to personal property exempt from taxation hereunder pursuant to section 13 of P.L.1980, c.105 (C.54:32B-8.1), (iii) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1990, c.40), (iv) any receipts from laundering, dry cleaning, tailoring, weaving, or pressing clothing, and shoe repairing and shoeshining and (v) services rendered in installing property which, when installed, will constitute an addition or capital improvement to real property, property or land, other than landscaping services and other than installing carpeting and other flooring.
- (3) Storing all tangible personal property not held for sale in the regular course of business; the rental of safe deposit boxes or similar space; and the furnishing of space for storage of tangible personal property by a person engaged in the business of furnishing space for such storage.

"Space for storage" means secure areas, such as rooms, units, compartments or containers, whether accessible from outside or from within a building, that are designated for the use of a customer and wherein the customer has free access within reasonable business hours, or upon reasonable notice to the furnisher of space for storage, to store and retrieve property. Space for storage shall not include the lease or rental of an entire building, such as a warehouse or airplane hangar.

(4) Maintaining, servicing or repairing real property, other than a residential heating system unit serving not more than three families living independently of each other and doing their cooking on the premises, whether the services are performed in or outside of a building, as distinguished from adding to or improving such real property by a capital improvement, but excluding services rendered by an individual who is not in a regular trade or business offering his services to the public, and excluding garbage removal and sewer

services performed on a regular contractual basis for a term not less than 30 days.

- (5) Mail processing services for printed advertising material, except for mail processing services in connection with distribution of printed advertising material to out-of-State recipients.
 - (6) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1995, c.184).
- (7) Utility service provided to persons in this State, any right or power over which is exercised in this State.
- (8) Tanning services, including the application of a temporary tan provided by any means.
- (9) Massage, bodywork or somatic services, except such services provided pursuant to a doctor's prescription.
- (10) Tattooing, including all permanent body art and permanent cosmetic make-up applications, except such services provided pursuant to a doctor's prescription in conjunction with reconstructive breast surgery.
- (11) Investigation and security services.
- (12) Information services.

- (13) Transportation services originating in this State and provided by a limousine operator, as permitted by law, except such services provided in connection with funeral services.
 - (14) Telephone answering services.
- (15) Radio subscription services.

Wages, salaries and other compensation paid by an employer to an employee for performing as an employee the services described in this subsection are not receipts subject to the taxes imposed under this subsection (b).

Services otherwise taxable under paragraph (1) or (2) of this subsection (b) are not subject to the taxes imposed under this subsection, where the tangible personal property or specified digital product upon which the services were performed is delivered to the purchaser outside this State for use outside this State.

- (c) (1) Receipts from the sale of prepared food in or by restaurants, taverns, or other establishments in this State, or by caterers, including in the amount of such receipts any cover, minimum, entertainment or other charge made to patrons or customers, except for meals especially prepared for and delivered to homebound elderly, age 60 or older, and to disabled persons, or meals prepared and served at a group-sitting at a location outside of the home to otherwise homebound elderly persons, age 60 or older, and otherwise homebound disabled persons, as all or part of any food service project funded in whole or in part by government or as part of a private, nonprofit food service project available to all such elderly or disabled persons residing within an area of service designated by the private nonprofit organization; and
- 46 (2) Receipts from sales of food and beverages sold through 47 vending machines, at the wholesale price of such sale, which shall 48 be defined as 70% of the retail vending machine selling price,

except sales of milk, which shall not be taxed. Nothing herein contained shall affect other sales through coin-operated vending machines taxable pursuant to subsection (a) above or the exemption

4 thereto provided by section 21 of P.L.1980, c.105 (C.54:32B-8.9).

The tax imposed by this subsection (c) shall not apply to food or drink which is sold to an airline for consumption while in flight.

(3) For the purposes of this subsection:

"Food and beverages sold through vending machines" means food and beverages dispensed from a machine or other mechanical device that accepts payment; and

"Prepared food" means:

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- (i) A. food sold in a heated state or heated by the seller; or
- B. two or more food ingredients mixed or combined by the seller for sale as a single item, but not including food that is only cut, repackaged, or pasteurized by the seller, and eggs, fish, meat, poultry, and foods containing these raw animal foods requiring cooking by the consumer as recommended by the Food and Drug Administration in Chapter 3, part 401.11 of its Food Code so as to prevent food borne illnesses; or
 - C. food sold with eating utensils provided by the seller, including plates, knives, forks, spoons, glasses, cups, napkins, or straws. A plate does not include a container or packaging used to transport the food;
- 24 provided however, that
- 25 (ii) "prepared food" does not include the following sold without 26 eating utensils:
- A. food sold by a seller whose proper primary NAICS classification is manufacturing in section 311, except subsector 3118 (bakeries);
- 30 B. food sold in an unheated state by weight or volume as a 31 single item; or
 - C. bakery items, including bread, rolls, buns, biscuits, bagels, croissants, pastries, donuts, danish, cakes, tortes, pies, tarts, muffins, bars, cookies, and tortillas.
 - (d) The rent for every occupancy of a room or rooms in a hotel or transient accommodation in this State, except that the tax shall not be imposed upon a permanent resident.
 - (e) (1) Any admission charge to or for the use of any place of amusement in the State, including charges for admission to race tracks, baseball, football, basketball or exhibitions, dramatic or musical arts performances, motion picture theaters, except charges for admission to boxing, wrestling, kick boxing or combative sports exhibitions, events, performances or contests which charges are taxed under any other law of this State or under section 20 of P.L.1985, c.83 (C.5:2A-20), and, except charges to a patron for admission to, or use of, facilities for sporting activities in which such patron is to be a participant, such as bowling alleys and swimming pools. For any person having the permanent use or

- possession of a box or seat or lease or a license, other than a season ticket, for the use of a box or seat at a place of amusement, the tax shall be upon the amount for which a similar box or seat is sold for each performance or exhibition at which the box or seat is used or reserved by the holder, licensee or lessee, and shall be paid by the holder, licensee or lessee.
 - (2) The amount paid as charge of a roof garden, cabaret or other similar place in this State, to the extent that a tax upon such charges has not been paid pursuant to subsection (c) hereof.
 - (f) (1) The receipts from every sale, except for resale, of intrastate, interstate, or international telecommunications services and ancillary services sourced to this State in accordance with section 29 of P.L.2005, c.126 (C.54:32B-3.4).
 - (2) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2008, c.123)

- (g) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2008, c.123)
- (h) Charges in the nature of initiation fees, membership fees or dues for access to or use of the property or facilities of a health and fitness, athletic, sporting or shopping club or organization in this State, except for: (1) membership in a club or organization whose members are predominantly age 18 or under; and (2) charges in the nature of membership fees or dues for access to or use of the property or facilities of a health and fitness, athletic, sporting or shopping club or organization that is exempt from taxation pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of section 9 of P.L.1966, c.30 (C.54:32B-9), or that is exempt from taxation pursuant to paragraph (1) or (2) of subsection (b) of section 9 of P.L.1966, c.30 and that has complied with subsection (d) of section 9 of P.L.1966, c.30.
- (i) The receipts from parking, storing or garaging a motor vehicle, excluding charges for the following: residential parking; employee parking, when provided by an employer or at a facility owned or operated by the employer; municipal parking, storing or garaging; receipts from charges or fees imposed pursuant to section 3 of P.L.1993, c.159 (C.5:12-173.3) or pursuant to an agreement between the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority and a casino operator in effect on the date of enactment of P.L.2007, c.105; and receipts from parking, storing or garaging a motor vehicle subject to tax pursuant to any other law or ordinance.
- For the purposes of this subsection, "municipal parking, storing or garaging" means any motor vehicle parking, storing or garaging provided by a municipality or county, or a parking authority thereof.

43 (cf: P.L.2016, c.57, s.1)

45 21. Section 9 of P.L.1966, c.30 (C.54:32B-9) is amended to read 46 as follows:

9. (a) Except as to motor vehicles sold by any of the following, any sale, service or amusement charge by or to any of the following

or any use or occupancy by any of the following shall not be subject to the sales and use taxes imposed under this act:

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- (1) The State of New Jersey, or any of its agencies, instrumentalities, public authorities, public corporations (including a public corporation created pursuant to agreement or compact with another state) or political subdivisions where it is the purchaser, user or consumer, or where it is a seller of services or property of a kind not ordinarily sold by private persons;
- (2) The United States of America, and any of its agencies and instrumentalities, insofar as it is immune from taxation where it is the purchaser, user or consumer, or where it sells services or property of a kind not ordinarily sold by private persons;
- (3) The United Nations or any international organization of which the United States of America is a member where it is the purchaser, user or consumer, or where it sells services or property of a kind not ordinarily sold by private persons.
- (b) Except as otherwise provided in this section any sale or amusement charge by or to any of the following or any use or occupancy by any of the following, where such sale, charge, use or occupancy is directly related to the purposes for which the following have been organized, shall not be subject to the sales and use taxes imposed under this act: a corporation, association, trust, or community chest, fund or foundation, organized and operated exclusively (1) for religious, charitable, scientific, testing for public safety, literary or educational purposes; or (2) for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals; or (3) as a volunteer fire company, rescue, ambulance, first aid or emergency company or squad; or (4) as a National Guard organization, post or association, or as a post or organization of war veterans, or the Marine Corps League, or as an auxiliary unit or society of any such post, organization or association; or (5) as an association of parents and teachers of an elementary or secondary public or private school exempt under the provisions of this section. Such a sale, charge, use or occupancy by, or a sale or charge to, an organization enumerated in this subsection, shall not be subject to the sales and use taxes only if no part of the net earnings of the organization inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual, no substantial part of the activities of the organization is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization does not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements), any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.
- (c) Nothing in this section shall exempt from the taxes imposed under the "Sales and Use Tax Act":
- (1) the sale of a motor vehicle by an organization described in subsection (b) of this section, unless the purchaser is an organization exempt under this section;

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- (2) retail sales of tangible personal property or specified digital products by any shop or store operated by an organization described in subsection (b) of this section, unless the tangible personal property or specified digital product was received by the organization as a gift or contribution and the shop or store is one in which substantially all the work in carrying on the business of the 7 shop or store is performed for the organization without compensation and substantially all of the shop's or store's 9 merchandise has been received by the organization as gifts or 10 contributions or unless the purchaser is an organization exempt 11 under this section; or
 - (3) the sale or use of energy or utility service to or by an organization described in paragraph (1) of subsection (a) or subsection (b) of this section.
 - (d) Any organization enumerated in subsection (b) of this section shall not be entitled to an exemption granted pursuant to this section unless it has complied with such requirements for obtaining a tax immunity authorization as may be provided in this act.
 - (e) Where any organization described in subsection (b) of this subsection carries on its activities in furtherance of the purposes for which it was organized, in premises in which, as part of those activities, it operates a hotel or transient accommodation, occupancy of rooms in the premises and rents from those rooms received by the organization shall not be subject to tax under the "Sales and Use Tax Act."
 - (f) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, any admissions all of the proceeds of which inure exclusively to the benefit of the following organizations shall not be subject to any of the taxes imposed under subsection (e) of section 3 of P.L.1966, c.30 (C.54:32B-3):
 - (A) an organization described in paragraph (1) of subsection (a) or subsection (b) of this section;
 - (B) a society or organization conducted for the sole purpose of maintaining symphony orchestras or operas and receiving substantial support from voluntary contributions; or
 - (C) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1999, c.416).
 - (D) a police or fire department of a political subdivision of the State, or a volunteer fire company, ambulance, first aid, or emergency company or squad, or exclusively to a retirement, pension or disability fund for the sole benefit of members of a police or fire department or to a fund for the heirs of such members.
 - (2) The exemption provided under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall not apply in the case of admissions to:
 - (A) Any athletic game or exhibition unless the proceeds shall inure exclusively to the benefit of elementary or secondary schools or unless in the case of an athletic game between two elementary or secondary schools, the entire gross proceeds from such game shall

inure to the benefit of one or more organizations described in subsection (b) of this section;

- (B) Carnivals, rodeos, or circuses in which any professional performer or operator participates for compensation;
- (3) Admission charges for admission to the following places or events shall not be subject to any of the taxes imposed under subsection (e) of section 3 of P.L.1966, c.30 (C.54:32B-3):
- (A) Any admission to agricultural fairs if no part of the net earnings thereof inures to the benefit of any stockholders or members of the association conducting the same; provided the proceeds therefrom are used exclusively for the improvement, maintenance and operation of such agricultural fairs.
- (B) Any admission to a home or garden which is temporarily open to the general public as a part of a program conducted by a society or organization to permit the inspection of historical homes and gardens; provided no part of the net earnings thereof inures to the benefit of any private stockholder or individual.
- (C) Any admissions to historic sites, houses and shrines, and museums conducted in connection therewith, maintained and operated by a society or organization devoted to the preservation and maintenance of such historic sites, houses, shrines and museums; provided no part of the net earnings thereof inures to the benefit of any private stockholder or individual.

(cf: P.L.2011, c.49, s.10)

- 22. Section 1 of P.L.2003, c.114 (C.54:32D-1) is amended to read as follows:
- 1. a. In addition to any other tax, assessment or use fee authorized by law, there is imposed and shall be paid a hotel and motel occupancy fee of 7% for occupancies on and after August 1, 2003 but before July 1, 2004, and of 5% for occupancies on and after July 1, 2004, upon the rent for every occupancy of a room or rooms in a hotel or transient accommodation subject to taxation pursuant to subsection (d) of section 3 of P.L.1966, c.30 (C:54:32B-3), which every person required to collect tax shall collect from the customer when collecting the rent to which it applies; provided however, that on and after the tenth day following a certification by the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting in the Department of the Treasury pursuant to subsection d. of section 2 of P.L.2003, c.114 (C.54:32D-2), no such fee shall be paid or collected; and provided further that:
- (1) the combined rates of the fee imposed under this section, plus the tax imposed under the "Sales and Use Tax Act", P.L.1966, c.30 (C.54:32B-1 et seq.), plus any tax imposed under P.L.1947, c.71 (C.40:48-8.15 et seq.), shall not exceed a total rate of 14% on or before December 31, 2016, 13.875% on and after January 1, 2017 but before January 1, 2018, and 13.625% on and after January 1, 2018, and to the extent that the total combined rate of taxation for

- 1 the listed fees and taxes would exceed 14% on or before December
- 2 31, 2016, 13.875% on and after January 1, 2017 but before January
- 3 1, 2018, and 13.625% on and after January 1, 2018, the fee imposed
- 4 under this section shall be reduced so that the total combined rate
- 5 equals 14% on or before December 31, 2016, 13.875% on and after
- 6 January 1, 2017 but before January 1, 2018, and 13.625% on and
- 7 after January 1, 2018;
- 8 (2) the combined rates of the fee imposed under this section,
- 9 plus the tax imposed under the "Sales and Use Tax Act", P.L.1966,
- 10 c.30 (C.54:32B-1 et seq.), plus any tax and assessment imposed 11 under section 4 of P.L.1992, c.165 (C.40:54D-4), shall not exceed a
- total rate of 14% on or before December 31, 2016, 13.875% on and
- 13 after January 1, 2017 but before January 1, 2018, and 13.625% on
- and after January 1, 2018, and to the extent that the total combined
- rate of taxation for the listed fees and taxes would exceed 14% on
- or before December 31, 2016, 13.875% on and after January 1,
- 10 of before December 31, 2010, 13.8/3% on and after January 1
- 17 2017 but before January 1, 2018, and 13.625% on and after January
- 18 1, 2018, the fee imposed under this section shall be reduced so that
- 19 the total combined rate equals 14% on or before December 31,
- 20 2016, 13.875% on and after January 1, 2017 but before January 1,
- 21 2018, and 13.625% on and after January 1, 2018; and
- 22 (3) the fee imposed under this section shall be at the rate of 1% 23 in a city in which the tax authorized under P.L.1981,
- 24 c.77 (C.40:48E-1 et seq.) is imposed.
 - b. The hotel and motel occupancy fee imposed by subsection a.
- of this section shall not be imposed on the rent for an occupancy if
- 27 the purchaser, user or consumer is an entity exempt from the tax
- 28 imposed on an occupancy under the "Sales and Use Tax Act"
- pursuant to subsection (a) of section 9 of P.L.1966, c.30 (C.54:32B-
- 30 9).

- 31 c. Terms used in this section shall have the meaning given
- those terms pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1966, c.30 (C.54:32B-2).
- 33 (cf: P.L.2016, c.57, s.6)

- 35 23. Section 2 of P.L.2003, c.114 (C.54:32D-2) is amended to read as follows:
- 2. a. The Director of the Division of Taxation shall collect and
- 38 administer the fee imposed pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2003,
- 39 c.114 (C.54:32D-1). The fees collected shall be deposited to the
- 40 General Fund, and shall be allocated as follows:
- 41 (1) of the fees collected for occupancies during State Fiscal
- 42 Year 2004: \$16,000,000 shall be allocated for appropriation to the
- 43 New Jersey State Council on the Arts for cultural projects;
- \$2,700,000 shall be allocated for appropriation to the New Jersey
- 45 Historical Commission for the purposes of subsection a. of section 3
- 46 of P.L.1999, c.131 (C.18A:73-22.3); \$9,000,000 shall be allocated
- 47 for appropriation to the New Jersey Commerce and Economic
- 48 Growth Commission for tourism advertising and promotion; and

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\$500,000 shall be allocated for appropriation to the New Jersey Cultural Trust; and

- (2) of the fees collected for occupancies during State Fiscal Year 2005 and thereafter: 22.68 percent shall be annually allocated for appropriation to the New Jersey State Council on the Arts for cultural projects, provided that the amount allocated shall not be less than \$22,680,000; 3.84 percent shall be allocated for appropriation to the New Jersey Historical Commission for the subsection a. of section 3 of purposes of c.131 (C.18A:73-22.3), provided that the amount allocated shall not be less than \$3,840,000; 12.76 percent shall be allocated for appropriation to the New Jersey Commerce and Economic Growth Commission for tourism advertising and promotion, provided that the amount allocated shall not be less than \$12,760,000; and .72 percent shall be allocated for appropriation to the New Jersey Cultural Trust, provided that the amount allocated shall not be less than \$720,000.
 - b. (1) In carrying out the provisions of section 1 of P.L.2003, c.114 (C.54:32D-1) and this section, the director shall have all of the powers and authority granted in P.L.1966, c.30 (C.54:32B-1 et seq.). The tax shall be filed and paid in a manner prescribed by the Director of the Division of Taxation. The director shall promulgate such rules and regulations as the director determines are necessary to effectuate the provisions of section 1 of P.L.2003, c.114 (C.54:32D-1) and this section.

(2) Each person required to collect the hotel and motel occupancy fee shall be personally liable for the fee imposed, collected, or required to be paid, collected, or remitted under section 1 of P.L.2003, c.114 (C.54:32D-1). Any such person shall have the same right in respect to collecting the fee from that person's customer or in respect to non-payment of the fee by the customer as if the fee were a part of the purchase price of the occupancy or rent, as the case may be, and payable at the same time; provided however, that the director shall be joined as a party in any action or proceeding brought to collect the fee.

For purposes of this paragraph, "person" includes: an individual, partnership, corporation, or an officer, director, stockholder, or employee of a corporation, or a member or employee of a partnership, who as such officer, director, stockholder, employee, or member is under the duty to perform the act in respect of which the violation occurs.

(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, the director may enter into an agreement with the owner or operator of a transient space marketplace for the purpose of collection and payment of the fee for transactions solely consummated through the transient space marketplace. Upon entering an agreement with the owner or operator of a transient space marketplace, the director may waive the responsibility of a

- person engaged in the business of providing transient
 accommodations or hotel rooms to collect and pay the fee. The
 owner or operator of the transient space marketplace shall agree to
 be personally liable for the collection and payment of the fee on
 behalf of a person engaged in the business of providing transient
 accommodations or hotel rooms.
 - c. The annual appropriations act for each State Fiscal Year, commencing with fiscal year 2005, shall appropriate and distribute during that fiscal year amounts not less than the amounts otherwise specified for State Fiscal Year 2004 in paragraph (1) of subsection a. of this section for the purposes specified in paragraph (1) of subsection a. of this section.
 - d. If the provisions of subsection c. of this section are not met on the effective date of an annual appropriations act for the State fiscal year, or if an amendment or supplement to an annual appropriations act for the State fiscal year should violate the provisions of subsection c. of this section, the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting in the Department of the Treasury shall, not later than five days after the enactment of the annual appropriations act, or an amendment or supplement thereto, that violates the provisions of subsection c. of this section, certify to the Director of the Division of Taxation that the requirements of subsection c. of this section have not been met.
 - e. The Director of the Division of Taxation shall, no later than five days after certification by the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting in the Department of the Treasury pursuant to subsection d. of this section that the provisions of subsection c. of this section have not been met or have been violated by an amendment or supplement to the annual appropriations act, notify each person required to collect tax of the certification and that the fee imposed pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2003, c.114 (C.54:32D-1) shall no longer be paid or collected.

33 (cf: P.L.2007, c.102, s.4)

24. (New section) Notwithstanding the provisions of the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.) to the contrary, the Director of the Division of Taxation in the Department of the Treasury, in consultation with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs, may adopt immediately upon filing with the Office of Administrative Law such rules and regulations as the director determines to be necessary to effectuate the purposes of P.L., c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), which rules and regulations shall be effective for a period not to exceed 360 days following the effective date of P.L., c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) and may

thereafter be amended, adopted, or readopted by the director in

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1 accordance with the requirements of P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.).

25. This act shall take effect immediately, but sections one through 23 shall remain inoperative until the first day of the first full calendar quarter beginning at least 90 days following the date of enactment.

STATEMENT

This bill subjects charges of rent for providing transient accommodations in this State to the State sales and use tax, and the State hotel and motel occupancy fee, and authorizes municipalities to impose the hotel occupancy fee, Atlantic City luxury tax, Atlantic City promotion fee, Cape May County tourism sales tax, Cape May County tourism assessment, municipal occupancy tax, sports and entertainment facility tax, and Meadowlands regional hotel use assessment, where applicable. A transient accommodation is defined in the bill as a room, group of rooms, or other living or sleeping space for the lodging of occupants, including but not limited to residences or buildings used as residences; however, the bill exempts transient accommodations listed with a real estate agent or real estate broker licensed by the New Jersey Real Estate Commission from taxation.

The bill permits the Director of the Division of Taxation in the Department of the Treasury or the chief fiscal officer of a municipality (when applicable) to enter into an agreement with the owner or operator of a transient space marketplace for the purpose of collecting the taxes and fees imposed and authorized under the bill. A transient space marketplace allows transient accommodations or hotel rooms to be advertised or listed through an online marketplace and provides a means for a customer to arrange for the occupancy of the transient accommodation or hotel room in exchange for consideration directly through the online marketplace.

Under current law, the State imposes the sales and use tax (at a rate of 6.875% on and after January 1, 2017 but before January 1, 2018, and 6.625% on and after January 1, 2018) and the hotel and motel occupancy fee (at a rate of 5%) on the rent for each occupancy of a room or rooms in a hotel in this State. Further, current law authorizes municipalities to impose various taxes and fees, where applicable, on the rent for each occupancy of a room or rooms in a hotel in those municipalities. Current law does not impose taxes and fees on short-term rentals (transient accommodations) for occupancies that occur in other types of real property, such as the rental of a spare bedroom in an apartment or the lease of living or sleeping spaces in a single-family house.

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In addition to imposing the State sales and use tax and the State hotel and motel occupancy on transient accommodations, the bill authorizes municipalities to impose the following taxes and fees on transient accommodations where applicable:

• Hotel Occupancy Tax (C.40:48E-1 et seq.);

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- Atlantic City Luxury Tax (C.40:48-8.15 et seq.);
- Atlantic City Promotion Fee (C.40:48-8.45 et seq.);
- Cape May County Tourism Sales Tax (C.40:54D-1 et seq.);
- 9 Cape May County Tourism Assessment (C.40:54D-1 et seq.);
- Municipal Occupancy Tax (C.40:48F-1 et seq.);
- Sports and Entertainment Facility Tax (C.34:1B-190 et seq.); and
 - Meadowlands Regional Hotel Use Assessment (C.5:10A-82 et seq.).

The bill treats permanent residents and charitable, non-profit organizations that lease or rent transient accommodations consistent with how those individuals and organizations are treated for purposes of hotel and motel occupancies. The bill provides that charges of rent for providing transient accommodations to a permanent resident are not subject to tax or fee, and provides that charitable, non-profit organizations (that have been granted tax immunity authorization) are exempt from tax and fee collection responsibilities when providing transient accommodations in furtherance of the purposes for which it was organized. The bill creates an additional exemption for transient accommodations listed with a real estate agent or real estate broker licensed by the New Jersey Real Estate Commission.