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#### SYNOPSIS

Reduces gross income tax rates by ten percent over three years.

#### **CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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AN ACT reducing gross income tax rates, amending N.J.S.54A:2-1. 1 2 3 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State 4 of New Jersey: 5 1. N.J.S.54A:2-1 is amended to read as follows: 6 7 54A:2-1. Imposition of tax. There is hereby imposed a tax for 8 each taxable year (which shall be the same as the taxable year for 9 federal income tax purposes) on the New Jersey gross income as herein defined of every individual, estate or trust (other than a 10 charitable trust or a trust forming part of a pension or profit-sharing 11 12 plan), subject to the deductions, limitations and modifications hereinafter provided, determined in accordance with the following 13 14 tables with respect to taxpayers' taxable income: 15 a. For married individuals filing a joint return and individuals filing as head of household or as surviving spouse for federal 16 17 income tax purposes: 18 (1) for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 1991 but 19 before January 1, 1994: 20 If the taxable income is: The tax is: 21 22 23 Not over \$20,000.00 . . . . 2% of taxable income 24 25 Over \$20,000.00 but not 26 over \$50,000.00 . . . . \$400.00 plus 2.5% of the excess over \$20,000.00 27 28 Over \$50,000.00 but not 29 over \$70,000.00 . . . . . \$1,150.00 plus 3.5% of the excess over \$50,000.00 30 Over \$70,000.00 but not 31 32 over \$80,000.00 . . . . . \$1,850.00 plus 5.0% of the excess over \$70,000.00 33 34 Over \$80,000.00 but not 35 over \$150,000.00 . . . . \$2,350.00 plus 6.5% of the 36 excess over \$80,000.00 37 38 Over \$150,000.00 . . . . . . . \$6,900.00 plus 7.0% of the 39 excess over \$150,000.00 40 41 (2) for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 1994 but 42 before January 1, 1995: 43 44 If the taxable income is: The tax is: 45 Not over \$20,000.00 . . . 1.900% of taxable income

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1	Over \$20,000.00 but not	
2	over \$50,000.00	\$380.00 plus 2.375% of the
3		excess over \$20,000.00
4	Over \$50,000.00 but not	
5	over \$70,000.00	\$1,092.50 plus 3.325% of the
6		excess over \$50,000.00
7	Over \$70,000.00 but not	
8	over \$80,000.00	\$1,757.50 plus 4.750% of the
9		excess over \$70,000.00
10	Over \$80,000.00 but not	
11	over \$150,000.00	\$2,232.50 plus 6.175% of the
12		excess over \$80,000.00
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14	Over \$150,000.00	\$6,555.00 plus 6.650% of the
15		excess over \$150,000.00
16		6 I 1 1005 I (
17		on or after January 1, 1995 but
18	before January 1, 1996:	
19 20	If the toy oble in some is:	The terr is:
20 21	If the taxable income is:	The tax is:
21	Not over \$20,000.00	1.700% of taxable income
22	100 0001 \$20,000.00	1.700% of taxable income
23 24	Over \$20,000.00 but not	
25	over \$50,000.00	\$340.00 plus 2.125% of the
26		excess over \$20,000.00
27	Over \$50,000.00 but not	
28	over \$70,000.00	\$977.50 plus 2.975% of the
29		excess over \$50,000.00
30	Over \$70,000.00 but not	
31	over \$80,000.00	\$1,572.50 plus 4.250% of the
32		excess over \$70,000.00
33	Over \$80,000.00 but not	
34	over \$150,000.00	\$1,997.50 plus 6.013% of the
35		excess over \$80,000.00
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37	Over \$150,000.00	\$6,206.60 plus 6.580% of the
38		excess over \$150,000.00
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40	(4) for taxable years beginning	on or after January 1, 1996 but
41	before January 1, 2004:	
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43	If the taxable income is:	The tax is:
44	Not over \$20,000.00	1.400% of taxable income
45		
46	Over \$20,000.00 but not	
47	over \$50,000.00	\$280.00 plus 1.750% of the
48		excess over \$20,000.00

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Over \$50,000.00 but not 1 2 over \$70,000.00 . . . . \$805.00 plus 2.450% of the 3 excess over \$50,000.00 Over \$70,000.00 but not 4 5 over \$80,000.00 . . . . \$1,295.50 plus 3.500% of the excess over \$70,000.00 6 7 Over \$80,000.00 but not 8 over \$150.000.00 . . . . \$1,645.00 plus 5.525% of the 9 excess over \$80,000.00 10 Over \$150,000.00 . . . . . . . \$5,512.50 plus 6.370% of the 11 excess over \$150,000.00 12 13 14 (5) for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2004 but 15 before January 1, 2013: 16 17 If the taxable income is: The tax is: 18 19 Not over \$20,000.00 . . . . . . 1.400% of taxable income 20 Over \$20,000.00 but not 21 22 over \$50,000.00 . . . . . . . \$280.00 plus 1.750% of the 23 excess over \$20,000.00 24 Over \$50,000.00 but not over \$70,000.00 . . . . . . . \$805.00 plus 2.450% of the 25 26 excess over \$50,000.00 27 Over \$70,000.00 but not over \$80,000.00 . . . . . . . 28 \$1,295.50 plus 3.500% of the excess over \$70,000.00 29 Over \$80,000.00 but not 30 over \$150,000.00 . . . . . . . \$1,645.00 plus 5.525% of the 31 32 excess over \$80,000.00 Over \$150,000.00 but not 33 34 over \$500,000.00 . . . . . \$5,512.50 plus 6.370% of the 35 excess over \$150,000.00 36 37 Over \$500,000.00 . . . . . . . \$27,807.50 plus 8.970% of the excess over \$500,000.00 38 39 40 (6) for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2013 but 41 before January 1, 2014: 42 43 If the taxable income is: The tax is: 44 45 Not over \$20,000.00 . . . . . 1.353% of taxable income 46 Over \$20,000.00 but not 47 over \$50,000.00 . . . . . . \$270.60 plus 1.692% of the 48 excess over \$20,000.00

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2 3	<u>over \$70,000.00</u>	•
	Quer \$70,000,00 but not	excess over \$50,000.00
4	<u>Over \$70,000.00 but not</u>	(1.251.90) m/m $(2.2920)$ of the
5	<u>over \$80,000.00</u>	-
6 7		excess over \$70,000.00
7 8	<u>Over \$80,000.00 but not</u>	(1.500, 10, mbg, 5.2410) of the
o 9	<u>over \$150,000.00</u>	<u>.</u>
, )	$O_{\rm vor}$ \$150,000,00 but not	excess over \$80,000.00
	<u>Over \$150,000.00 but not</u>	(5,220,00,0) and $(5,1500)$ of the
	over \$500,000.00	
		excess over \$150,000.00
	Over \$500,000.00	\$26,881.80 plus 8.671% of the
	<u></u>	excess over \$500,000.00
	(7) for taxable years beginning	g on or after January 1, 2014 but
	before January 1, 2015:	
	<i>, ,</i>	
	If the taxable income is:	The tax is:
	Not over \$20,000.00	1.306% of taxable income
	Over \$20,000.00 but not	
	<u>over \$50,000.00</u>	\$261.20 plus 1.634% of the
		excess over \$20,000.00
	Over \$50,000.00 but not	
	over \$70,000.00	\$751.40 plus 2.286% of the
		excess over \$50,000.00
	Over \$70,000.00 but not	
	over \$80,000.00	\$1,208.60 plus 3.266% of the
		excess over \$70,000.00
	Over \$80,000.00 but not	<u></u>
	over \$150,000.00	\$1,535.20 plus 5.157% of the
	<u>_</u>	excess over \$80,000.00
	<u>Over \$150,000.00 but not</u>	
	over \$500,000.00	\$5,145.10 plus 5.946% of the
		excess over \$150,000.00
	Over \$500,000.00	\$25,956.10 plus 8.372% of the
		excess over \$500,000.00
	(8) for taxable years beginning	on or after January 1, 2015:
	<u></u>	,
	If the taxable income is:	The tax is:
	Not over \$20,000.00	1.260% of taxable income
	Over \$20,000.00 but not	
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1	<u>over \$50,000.00</u>	\$252.00 plus 1.575% of the
2		excess over \$20,000.00
3	Over \$50,000.00 but not	
4	over \$70,000.00	\$724.50 plus 2.205% of the
5		excess over \$50,000.00
6	<u>Over \$70,000.00 but not</u>	
7	<u>over \$80,000.00</u>	\$1,165.50 plus 3.150% of the
8		excess over \$70,000.00
9	Over \$80,000.00 but not	
10	<u>over \$150,000.00</u>	\$1,480.50 plus 4.973% of the
11		excess over \$80,000.00
12	Over \$150,000.00 but not	
13	<u>over \$500,000.00</u>	\$4,961.60 plus 5.734% of the
14		excess over \$150,000.00
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16	<u>Over \$500,000.00</u>	\$25,030.60 plus 8.074% of the
17		excess over \$500,000.00
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19	b. For married individuals	filing separately, unmarried
20	individuals other than individuals	
21	a surviving spouse for federal inco	_
22	trusts:	
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24	(1) for taxable years beginning	g on or after January 1, 1991 but
25	before January 1, 1994:	
26	-	
27	If the taxable income is:	The tax is:
28		
29	Not over \$20,000.00	2% of taxable income
30		
31	Over \$20,000.00 but not	
32	over \$35,000.00	\$400.00 plus 2.5% of the excess
33		over \$20,000.00
34	Over \$35,000.00 but not	
35	over \$40,000.00	\$775.00 plus 5.0% of the excess
36		over \$35,000.00
37		
38	Over \$40,000.00 but not	
39	over \$75,000.00	\$1,025.00 plus 6.5% of the
40		excess over \$40,000.00
41		
42	Over \$75,000.00	\$3,300.00 plus 7.0% of the
43		excess over \$75,000.00
44		
45	(2) for taxable years beginning	on or after January 1, 1994 but
46	before January 1, 1995:	
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1	If the taxable income is:	The tax is:
2 3 4	Not over \$20,000.00	1.900% of taxable income
5	Over \$20,000.00 but not	
6 7	over \$35,000.00	\$380.00 plus 2.375% of the excess over \$20,000.00
8	Over \$35,000.00 but not	
9 10	over \$40,000.00	\$736.25 plus 4.750% of the excess over \$35,000.00
11	Over \$40,000.00 but not	
12 13	over \$75,000.00	\$973.75 plus 6.175% of the excess over \$40,000.00
14 15 16	Over \$75,000.00	\$3,135.00 plus 6.650% of the excess over \$75,000.00
17 18		on or after January 1, 1995 but
19 20	before January 1, 1996:	
21 22	If the taxable income is:	The tax is:
23 24	Not over \$20,000.00	1.700% of taxable income
25	Over \$20,000.00 but not	
26 27	over \$35,000.00	\$340.00 plus 2.125% of the excess over \$20,000.00
28	Over \$35,000.00 but not	
29 30	over \$40,000.00	\$658.75 plus 4.250% of the excess over \$35,000.00
31	Over \$40,000.00 but not	
32 33 34	over \$75,000.00	\$871.25 plus 6.013% of the excess over \$40,000.00
34 35 36	Over \$75,000.00	\$2,975.80 plus 6.580% of the excess over \$75,000.00
37	(4) for taxable years beginning	on or after January 1, 1996 but
38	before January 1, 2004:	
39 40	If the taxable income is:	The tax is:
41 42 43	Not over \$20,000.00	1.400% of taxable income
43 44	Over \$20,000.00 but not	
45 46	over \$35,000.00	\$280.00 plus 1.750% of the excess over \$20,000.00
40 47	Over \$35,000.00 but not	CACCSS 0 VCI #20,000.00

1 2	over \$40,000.00	\$542.50 plus 3.500% of the excess over \$35,000.00
3 4 5 6	Over \$40,000.00 but not over \$75,000.00	\$717.50 plus 5.525% of the excess over \$40,000.00
7 8 9	Over \$75,000.00	\$2,651.25 plus 6.370% of the excess over \$75,000.00
10	(5) for taxable years beginning	on or after January 1, 2004 but
11 12	before January 1, 2013:	
12 13 14	If the taxable income is:	The tax is:
15 16	Not over \$20,000.00	1.400% of taxable income
17	Over \$20,000.00 but not	
18 19	over \$35,000.00	\$280.00 plus 1.750% of the excess over \$20,000.00
20	Over \$35,000.00 but not	
21 22	over \$40,000.00	\$542.50 plus 3.500% of the excess over \$35,000.00
23	Over \$40,000.00 but not	
24	over \$75,000.00	\$717.50 plus 5.525% of the
25		excess over \$40,000.00
26	Over \$75,000.00 but not	
27 28 20	over \$500,000.00	\$2,651.25 plus 6.370% of the excess over \$75,000.00
29 30 31 32	Over \$500,000.00	\$29,723.75 plus 8.970% of the excess over \$500,000.00
33	(6) for taxable years beginning	on or after January 1, 2013 but
34 35	before January 1, 2014:	
36 37	If the taxable income is:	The tax is:
38 39	Not over \$20,000.00	1.353% of taxable income
40	Over \$20,000.00 but not	
41	over \$35,000.00	\$270.60 plus 1.692% of the
42		excess over \$20,000.00
43	Over \$35,000.00 but not	
44	<u>over \$40,000.00</u>	\$524.40 plus 3.383% of the
45		excess over \$35,000.00
46	<u>Over \$40,000.00 but not</u>	
47	<u>over \$75,000.00</u>	\$693.55 plus 5.341% of the
48		excess over \$40,000.00

<u>Over \$75,000.00 but no</u> over \$500,000.00	<u>bt</u> <u>\$2,562.90 plus 6.158% of the</u> <u>excess over \$75,000.00</u>
<u>Over \$500,000.00</u>	\$28,734.40 plus 8.671% of the excess over \$500,000.00
(7) for taxable year before January 1, 2015:	es beginning on or after January 1, 2014 but
If the taxable income is	The tax is:
<u>Not over \$20,000.00</u>	1.307% of taxable income
<u>Over \$20,000.00 but no</u> over \$35,000.00	
<u>Over \$35,000.00 but no</u>	
<u>over \$40,000.00</u>	\$506.35 plus 3.267% of the excess over \$35,000.00
Over \$40,000.00 but no	
over \$75,000.00	\$669.70 plus 5.157% of the excess over \$40,000.00
Over \$75,000.00 but no	
over \$500,000.00	—
<u>Over \$500,000.00</u>	\$27,745.15 plus 8.373% of the excess over \$500,000.00
(8) for taxable years	s beginning on or after January 1, 2015:
If the taxable income is	The tax is:
<u>Not over \$20,000.00</u>	1.260% of taxable income
Over \$20,000.00 but no	ot
over \$35,000.00	
	excess over \$20,000.00
<u>Over \$35,000.00 but no</u>	
<u>over \$40,000.00</u>	*
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<u>over \$75,000.00 but no</u>	
<u></u>	excess over \$40,000.00
Over \$75,000.00 but no	
<u>over \$500,000.00</u>	\$2,386.30 plus 5.734% of the   excess over \$75,000.00 \$100,000 \$100

1	Over \$500,000.00 \$26,755.80 plus 8.074% of the	
2	excess over \$500,000.00	
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4	c. For the purposes of this section, an individual who would be	
5	eligible to file as a head of household for federal income tax	
6	purposes but for the fact that such taxpayer is a nonresident alien,	
7	shall determine tax pursuant to subsection a. of this section.	
8	(cf: P.L.2004, c.40, s.17)	
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10	2. This act shall take effect immediately and apply to taxable	
11	years beginning on or after January 1, 2013.	
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14	STATEMENT	
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16	The bill reduces gross income tax rates by ten percent over three	
17	taxable years. The purpose of this bill is to lower the gross income	
18	tax liabilities of all New Jersey gross income taxpayers while	
19	tempering the steep progressivity of the gross income tax liability	
20	structure.	
21	The bill schedules the gross income tax rate reductions to occur	
22	at three and one-third percent for taxable years beginning in 2013,	
23	an additional three and one-third percent for taxable years	
24	beginning in 2014, and an additional three and one-third percent for	
25	taxable years beginning in 2015. After 2015, the bill maintains the	
26	total ten percent gross income tax rate reduction for future taxable	
27	years.	