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SYNOPSIS

Provides for voluntary contributions by taxpayers on gross income tax returns for New Jersey Commission on Cancer Research.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning voluntary contributions through gross income
2 tax returns to support the New Jersey State Commission on
3 Cancer Research, supplementing chapter 9 of Title 54A of the
4 New Jersey Statutes.

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

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9 1. a. There is established in the Department of the Treasury a
10 special fund to be known as the “New Jersey State Commission on
11 Cancer Research Charitable Contribution Check-Off Fund.”

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

16 c. The State Treasurer shall deposit all contributions collected
17 pursuant to this section in the “New Jersey State Commission on
18 Cancer Research Charitable Contribution Check-Off Fund.”

19 d. The Legislature shall annually appropriate all funds
20 deposited in the “New Jersey State Commission on Cancer
21 Research Charitable Contribution Check-Off Fund” to the New
22 Jersey State Commission on Cancer Research, established pursuant
23 to section 4 of P.L.1983, c.6 (C.52:9U-4), for approved research
24 projects as defined in section 3 of P.L.1983, c.6 (C.52:9U-3).

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26 2. This act shall take effect immediately and apply to taxable
27 years beginning on or after January 1 next following the date of
28 enactment.

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31 STATEMENT

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33 This bill establishes the “New Jersey State Commission on
34 Cancer Research Charitable Contribution Check-Off Fund” and
35 provides for a designation on the State gross income tax return that
36 will permit taxpayers to make voluntary contributions to the fund to
37 support cancer research projects that are approved by the New
38 Jersey State Commission on Cancer Research. All taxpayer
39 contributions will be provided to the commission. The bill does not
40 permit any amount to be retained by the State from contribution
41 amounts to cover administrative costs of the tax return check-off.
42 The commission currently receives funding from more narrow and
43 specific funding sources including: State appropriations from
44 taxpayer donations from three more specific charitable check-offs
45 on the State gross income tax return (Breast Cancer Research Fund,
46 N.J.S.A.54A:9-25.8, Prostate Cancer Research Fund,
47 N.J.S.A.54A:9-25.22, and Lung Cancer Research Fund,

1 N.J.S.A.54A:9-25.27); proceeds from Conquer Cancer license plate
2 sales, N.J.S.A.39:3-27.90, and private donations.

3 The voluntary contributions under this bill will allow for more
4 general taxpayer support for approved scientific research projects
5 which focus on the genetic, biochemical, viral, microbiological, and
6 environmental causes of cancer, and may include, but are not
7 limited to, behavioral, socio-economic, demographic, and
8 psychosocial research or research into methods of clinical
9 treatment; or which focuses on pain management and palliative care
10 for persons diagnosed with cancer.

11 The New Jersey Commission on Cancer Research promotes
12 significant and original research in New Jersey into the causes,
13 prevention, treatment, and palliation of cancer and serves as a
14 resource to providers and consumers of cancer services. Donations
15 made through the commission fund groundbreaking cancer research
16 that focuses on prevention and lifesaving treatments.