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SYNOPSIS

Provides gross income tax deduction for New Jersey fuel taxes paid through purchases of motor fuel for personal use of motor vehicles.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **AN ACT** providing a deduction under the New Jersey gross income
2 tax for New Jersey taxes paid on purchases of motor fuel for the
3 personal use of taxpayers' motor vehicles, supplementing Title
4 54A of the 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. A taxpayer who files as a married couple filing jointly, a
10 married person filing separately, or an individual filing as a single
11 taxpayer or an individual determining tax pursuant to subsection a.
12 of N.J.S.54A:2-1, may deduct from the taxpayer's gross income
13 reported pursuant to the "New Jersey Gross Income Tax Act,"
14 N.J.S.54A:1-1 et seq., an amount equal to the New Jersey taxes paid
15 on purchases of motor fuel for the operation for personal use of the
16 taxpayer's motor vehicles during the taxable year.

17 b. An amount shall not be deductible under subsection a. of this
18 section if the amount is:

19 (1) reimbursed to the taxpayer by or for the taxpayer's
20 employer;

21 (2) deductible in determining net profits from business pursuant
22 to subsection b. of N.J.S.54A:5-1, even if not so deducted;

23 (3) deductible in determining net gains or net income derived
24 from or in the form of rents, royalties, patents, and copyrights
25 pursuant to subsection d. of N.J.S.A.54A:5-1, even if not so
26 deducted;

27 (4) deductible in determining distributive share of partnership
28 income pursuant to subsection k. of N.J.S.54A:5-1, even if not so
29 deducted;

30 (5) deductible in determining net pro rata share of S corporation
31 income pursuant to subsection p. of N.J.S.54A:5-1, even if not so
32 deducted; or

33 (6) deductible as a medical expense pursuant to N.J.S.54A:3-3,
34 even if not so deducted, or paid or distributed out of a medical
35 savings account excluded from gross income pursuant to section 5
36 of P.L.1997, c.414 (C.54A:6-27).

37 c. The deduction allowed under this section shall not exceed
38 the amount of \$1,000 for the taxpayer's taxable year beginning on
39 or after January 1, 2021 but before January 1, 2022, and shall not
40 exceed the amount of \$2,000 for the taxpayer's taxable years
41 beginning on or after January 1, 2021.

42 d. For the purposes of this section "New Jersey taxes paid on
43 purchases of motor fuel" means the taxes imposed by the
44 "Petroleum Products Gross Receipts Tax Act," P.L.1990, c.42
45 (C.54:15B-1 et seq.) and the "Motor Fuel Tax Act," P.L.2010, c.22
46 (C.54:39-101 et seq.).

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1 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to
2 purchases made on and after January 1, 2021.

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STATEMENT

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7 This bill provides a New Jersey gross income tax deduction for
8 all New Jersey State fuel taxes that are paid by taxpayers on
9 purchases of motor fuel for the operation for personal use of the
10 taxpayer's motor vehicles and not otherwise reimbursed. Under the
11 bill, the gross income tax deduction is allowed for taxpayers at any
12 income level and in any filing status, and is capped at \$1,000 for the
13 2021 taxable year and at \$2,000 for each taxable year beginning
14 thereafter.