

ASSEMBLY, No. 2183

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JUNE 20, 1996

By Assemblyman LeFEVRE

1 AN ACT concerning voluntary contributions through gross income tax
2 returns to support the activities of the American Red Cross,
3 supplementing chapter 9 of Title 54A of the New Jersey Statutes.
4

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

7
8 1. a. There is established in the Department of the Treasury a
9 special fund to be known as the "American Red Cross Fund."

10 b. Each taxpayer shall have the opportunity to indicate on the
11 taxpayer's New Jersey gross income tax return that a portion of the
12 taxpayers tax refund or an enclosed contribution be deposited in the
13 special fund. The Director of the Division of Taxation in the
14 Department of the Treasury shall provide each taxpayer with the
15 opportunity to indicate the taxpayer's preference on the tax return to
16 contribute to the fund in substantially the following way:

17 "The American Red Cross Fund: I wish to contribute \$5 ~, \$10 ~,
18 other amount \$_____ ~ to this fund."

19 c. Any costs incurred by the Division of Taxation for collection or
20 administration attributable to this act may be deducted from the
21 receipts collected pursuant to this section, as determined by the
22 Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting in the Department
23 of the Treasury. The State Treasurer shall deposit into the "American
24 Red Cross Fund" net contributions collected pursuant to this act.
25

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

29

30 STATEMENT

31

32 This bill creates the American Red Cross Fund and provides for a
33 checkoff on the State gross income tax return to permit taxpayers to
34 make voluntary contributions to the fund to support its services.

35 The American Red Cross is a worthy organization which helps
36 advance living standards in modern society as well as preventing
37 disasters and assisting in disaster relief. The American Red Cross also

1 collects and distributes much needed blood for people harmed by
2 natural disasters. It serves food and gives shelter and clothing where
3 needed.

4

5

6

7

8 Provides for voluntary contributions by taxpayers on gross income tax
9 returns for the American Red Cross.