

SENATE, No. 512

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senator BASSANO

1 AN ACT authorizing a municipality to impose a fee on hospital users
2 and supplementing chapter 48 of Title 40 of the Revised Statutes.

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

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7 1. a. The governing body of a municipality may adopt an
8 ordinance imposing a daily fee of up to \$1 for each person over the
9 age of 21 who enters for the purpose of receiving health care
10 treatment or services any buildings actually used in the work of
11 associations and corporations organized exclusively for hospital
12 purposes that is located within the municipality and is exempt from
13 local property taxation pursuant to the provisions of R.S.54:4-3.6.

14 b. Exemption from the user fee may be provided in accordance
15 with uniform rules under an ordinance adopted pursuant to subsection
16 a. of this section.

17 c. The chief administrator of the association or corporation
18 organized exclusively for hospital purposes shall be responsible for
19 collecting the fee from each person required by an ordinance adopted
20 pursuant to subsection a. of this section to pay the fee. The chief
21 administrator shall remit the monies collected, on a quarterly basis, to
22 the municipality in a manner specified in the ordinance.

23 d. The monies collected by a municipality from the fee imposed by
24 an ordinance adopted pursuant to this act shall be used by the
25 municipality for any public safety purpose for which tax revenues of
26 the municipality may be expended.

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28 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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33 This bill authorizes a municipality to impose a daily fee of up to
34 \$1.00 for each person over the age of 21 who enters, for the purpose
35 of health care treatment or services, any hospital located within the
36 municipality that is exempt from local property taxation.

37 Generally, hospitals are exempted by law from local property

1 taxation but place one of the heaviest demands of all exempt
2 properties on municipal public safety police and fire services. Under
3 this bill, the nonexempt users of health treatment facilities and services
4 of a hospital exempt from local property taxation will be required to
5 pay a user charge for maintaining the ready and available benefit of
6 municipal police and fire protection. The fees will be collected by the
7 chief administrator of the hospital and remitted to the municipality.

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9 under this act shall be used by the municipality for any public safety
10 purpose for which tax revenues of the municipality may be expended.

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15 Allows municipality to impose fee on hospital user.