

SENATE, No. 2082

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senators BENNETT and MARTIN

1 AN ACT concerning payment of Victim of Crime Compensation Board  
2 assessments and supplementing Title 30 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. Every commissary operated and maintained in a county or State  
8 correctional facility for the sale of commodities to inmates shall collect  
9 a surcharge of 10% of the sales price of any item sold to an inmate of  
10 the facility. The surcharge shall be known and may be cited as the  
11 "VCCB Surcharge." All funds collected pursuant to this section shall  
12 be forwarded to the Victims of Crime Compensation Board for use in  
13 compensating crime victims pursuant to the "Criminal Injuries  
14 Compensation Act of 1971," P.L.1971, c.317 (C.52:4B-1 et seq.) and  
15 any other relevant provision of law.

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17 2. The Department of Corrections shall adopt, pursuant to the  
18 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et  
19 seq.), rules and regulations necessary to implement this act.

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21 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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26 This bill supplements Title 30 of the Revised Statutes to impose a  
27 10% surcharge on all commissary sales in State and county  
28 correctional facilities to generate additional revenues to compensate  
29 crime victims pursuant to the "Criminal Injuries Compensation Act of  
30 1971," P.L.1971, c.317 (C.52:4B-1 et seq.) or any other law.

31 Every defendant found guilty of a criminal offense is required by  
32 law to pay an assessment to the Victims of Crime Compensation Board  
33 (VCCB). The moneys paid into the VCCB's account are used to  
34 provide compensation to the victims of crime.

35 Although every defendant is assessed a penalty payable to the  
36 VCCB, not all of those assessments are paid.

37 The VCCB surcharge authorized under this bill will generate

1 additional funds for the VCCB to distribute as compensation to crime  
2 victims.

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7 Imposes VCCB surcharge on prison inmates' commissary purchases.