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SYNOPSIS

Increases amount of cigarette and other tobacco products tax revenues provided to New Jersey Commission on Cancer Research from \$1 million to \$4 million; establishes dedicated, non-lapsing Cancer Research Fund.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/8/2021)

1 **AN ACT** concerning the New Jersey State Commission on Cancer
2 Research, amending P.L.1982, c.40, supplementing
3 P.L.1983, c.6, and repealing section 8 of P.L.1983, c.6.

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

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8 1. Section 5 of P.L.1982, c.40 (C.54:40A-37.1) is amended as
9 follows:

10 5. The sum of **[\$1,000,000.00]** \$4,000,000 of the tax collected
11 pursuant to section 301 of P.L.1948, c.65 (C.54:40A-8), shall be
12 annually deposited by the State Treasurer in **[a** special account to
13 be known as**]** the Cancer Research Fund, **[except that for Fiscal**
14 Year 1983 only \$500,000.00 shall be deposited in that account**]** a
15 nonlapsing, revolving fund established pursuant to section 3 of
16 P.L. , c... (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).
17 Moneys in the Cancer Research Fund shall be **[annually**
18 appropriated toward the funding of**]** utilized by the New Jersey
19 State Commission on Cancer Research, established pursuant to
20 P.L.1983, c.6 (C.52:9U-1 et seq.), **[or to]** for cancer research
21 projects authorized and approved by the commission, as well as any
22 other commission responsibilities authorized under State law.

23 (cf: P.L.1982, c.40, s.5)

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25 2. Section 8 of P.L.1983, c.6 (C.52:9U-8) is repealed.

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27 3. (New Section) a. There is established in the Department of
28 the Treasury a nonlapsing, revolving fund to be known as the
29 Cancer Research Fund. This fund shall be the repository for monies
30 provided pursuant to section 5 of P.L.1982, c.40 (C.54:40A-37.1)
31 and any other funds approved by the Department of Health or the
32 commission. Moneys deposited in the fund, and any interest earned
33 thereon, shall be used exclusively for the purpose of providing
34 grants for cancer research projects authorized and approved by the
35 commission, as well as any other commission responsibilities
36 authorized under State law.

37 b. The State Treasurer shall be the custodian of the fund and all
38 disbursements from the fund shall be made by the State Treasurer
39 upon vouchers signed by the chairperson of the commission or the
40 chairperson's designee. The monies in the fund shall be invested
41 and reinvested by the Director of the Division of Investment in the
42 Department of the Treasury in the same manner as other trust funds
43 in the custody of the State Treasurer, in the manner provided by
44 law. Interest received on the monies in the fund shall be credited to
45 the fund.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

 Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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6 This bill increases the amount of cigarette and other tobacco
7 products tax revenues provided to the New Jersey Commission on
8 Cancer Research (NJCCR) from \$1 million to \$4 million. The bill
9 also establishes a dedicated, non-lapsing Cancer Research Fund
10 within the Department of the Treasury. In doing so, the bill
11 prioritizes funding for cancer research in an equivalent manner as
12 State funding for spinal cord and brain injury research. Dedicated
13 State funding for these two causes generally ranges from
14 approximately \$4 million to \$6 million annually. The NJCCR
15 promotes significant and original research in New Jersey into the
16 causes, prevention, treatment and palliation of cancer and serves as
17 a resource to providers and consumers of cancer care and treatment
18 services.

19 Currently, under statute, the NJCCR annually receives \$1.0
20 million of cigarette and other tobacco products tax revenues. This
21 money is deposited into an existing lapsing Cancer Research Fund
22 and then appropriated to the commission. In recent years, pursuant
23 to the annual appropriations act, this money has been transferred
24 from the Cancer Research Fund to the General Fund. The
25 appropriations act then provides the NJCCR funding via a budget
26 line. Despite the statutory requirement, in FY 2020 and FY 2021,
27 the NJCCR was appropriated \$2.0 million in funding.

28 Under the bill, the existing Cancer Research Fund is replaced by
29 a non-lapsing, revolving fund. This fund is to be the repository of
30 the \$4.0 million of cigarette and other tobacco products tax
31 revenues deposited into the account under the bill and any other
32 funds approved by the Department of Health or the commission.
33 Moneys deposited in the fund, and any interest earned thereon, are
34 to be used exclusively for the purpose of providing grants for
35 cancer research projects authorized and approved by the
36 commission, as well as any other commission responsibilities
37 authorized under State law.

38 The State Treasurer is the custodian of the fund and all
39 disbursements from the fund are to be made by the State Treasurer
40 upon vouchers signed by the chairperson of the commission or the
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