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SYNOPSIS

Provides for voluntary contributions by taxpayers on gross income tax returns for ovarian cancer research.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 **AN ACT** concerning voluntary contributions through gross income
2 tax returns to support ovarian cancer research, supplementing
3 chapter 9 of Title 54A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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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. a. There is established in the Department of the Treasury a
9 special fund to be known as the “New Jersey Ovarian Cancer
10 Research Fund.”

11 b. Each taxpayer shall have the opportunity to indicate on the
12 taxpayer’s New Jersey gross income tax return that a portion of the
13 taxpayer’s refund or an enclosed contribution shall be deposited in
14 the special fund.

15 c. Any costs incurred by the Division of Taxation for collection
16 or administration attributable to this section may be deducted from
17 receipts collected pursuant to this section, as determined by the
18 Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting. The State
19 Treasurer shall deposit net contributions collected pursuant to this
20 section into the “New Jersey Ovarian Cancer Research Fund.”

21 d. The Legislature shall annually appropriate all monies
22 deposited in the "New Jersey Ovarian Cancer Research Fund"
23 established pursuant to this section to the New Jersey State
24 Commission on Cancer Research, established pursuant to section 4
25 of P.L.1983, c.6 (C.52:9U-4), for ovarian cancer research projects.
26 As used in this section, "ovarian cancer research project" means a
27 scientific research project which is approved by the commission and
28 which focuses on the causes, prevention, education, screening,
29 treatment or cure of ovarian cancer and may include, but is not
30 limited to, basic, clinical, and epidemiologic research.

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32 2. This act shall take effect immediately and apply to taxable
33 years beginning on or after January 1 next following the date of
34 enactment.

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STATEMENT

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39 This bill establishes the “New Jersey Ovarian Cancer Research
40 Fund” and provides for a designation on the State gross income tax
41 return that will permit taxpayers to make voluntary contributions to
42 the fund to support ovarian cancer research projects.

43 Among women in the United States, ovarian cancer is the fifth
44 leading cause of cancer deaths. According to the American Cancer
45 Society, approximately 680 new cases of ovarian cancer and 410
46 ovarian cancer related deaths are projected for New Jersey in 2017.
47 The monies deposited into the “New Jersey Ovarian Cancer
48 Research Fund” will provide additional resources in the fight

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1 against ovarian cancer as research leads to advances in diagnostics,
2 treatments, and cures.

3 Taxpayer contributions will be provided to the “New Jersey State
4 Commission on Cancer Research,” which promotes significant and
5 original research in New Jersey into the causes, prevention,
6 treatment, and palliation of cancer and serves as a resource to
7 providers and consumers of cancer services.