

SENATE, No. 3885

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
219th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Increases dedication of certain revenues to “New Jersey Wine Promotion Account.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning wine promotion and amending P.L.1985, c.233.

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

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6 1. Section 2 of P.L.1985, c.233 (C.4:10-76) is amended to read
7 as follows:

8 2. a. There is established in the Department of Agriculture the
9 "New Jersey Wine Promotion Account," hereinafter referred to as
10 the "account." All monies received in this account shall be
11 expended by the Secretary of Agriculture for research and
12 development concerning the viticultural and wine-making processes
13 in the State and for the promotion of New Jersey wine, consistent
14 with the recommendations of the New Jersey Wine Industry
15 Advisory Council created pursuant to section 3 of P.L.1985, c.233
16 (C.4:10-77).

17 b. The account shall be credited annually, in an appropriation
18 by law, with an amount equal to **[\$0.47]** \$0.875 per gallon on all
19 sales of wines, vermouth, and sparkling wines sold by plenary
20 winery and farm winery licensees licensed pursuant to R.S.33:1-10.

21 c. The account shall also be credited with any monies made
22 available to it from the General Fund or any non-State public or
23 private source.

24 d. The secretary shall include with the annual budget request
25 for the department a request for funds sufficient to carry out the
26 purposes and intent of P.L.1985, c.233 (C.4:10-76 et seq.).
27 (cf: P.L.2001, c.323)

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29 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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32 STATEMENT

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34 This bill increases the dedication of certain revenues to the "New
35 Jersey Wine Promotion Account" in the Department of Agriculture.

36 Under current law, wines, vermouth, and sparkling wines are
37 subject to a \$0.875 per gallon tax pursuant to the "Alcoholic
38 Beverage Tax Law," (R.S.54:41-1 et seq.). Of the \$0.875 per
39 gallon tax currently imposed, an amount equal to \$0.47 per gallon
40 on all sales of wines, vermouth, and sparkling wines produced by
41 New Jersey wineries is dedicated to the "New Jersey Wine
42 Promotion Account." The bill increases the dedication rate from
43 \$0.47 per gallon to \$0.875 per gallon, which equals 100 percent of
44 the tax imposed on these beverages.

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.