

CHAPTER 305

AN ACT concerning voluntary contributions through gross income tax returns to a New Jersey Prostate Cancer Research Fund, supplementing P.L.1983, c.6 (C.52:9U-1 et seq.) and chapter 9 of Title 54A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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

C.54A:9-25.21 "New Jersey Prostate Cancer Research Fund"; tax return contribution.

1. a. There is established in the Department of the Treasury a special fund to be known as the "New Jersey Prostate Cancer Research Fund."

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

c. Any costs incurred by the Division of Taxation for collection or administration attributable to this act may be deducted from receipts collected pursuant to this act, as determined by the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting. The State Treasurer shall deposit net contributions collected pursuant to this act into the "New Jersey Prostate Cancer Research Fund."

C.54A:9-25.22 Appropriation of monies deposited.

2. The Legislature shall annually appropriate all monies deposited in the "New Jersey Prostate Cancer Research Fund" established pursuant to this act to the New Jersey State Commission on Cancer Research, established pursuant to P.L.1983, c.6 (C.52:9U-1 et seq.) for prostate cancer research projects. As used in this act, "prostate cancer research project" means a scientific research project which is approved by the commission and which focuses on the causes, prevention, screening, treatment or cure of prostate cancer and may include, but is not limited to, basic, behavioral, clinical, demographic, epidemiologic and psychosocial research.

C.52:9U-6.2 Applications for grants.

3. The New Jersey State Commission on Cancer Research shall solicit, receive, evaluate and approve applications of qualified research institutions for grants from the "New Jersey Prostate Cancer Research Fund," established pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2001, c.305 (C.54A:9-25.21), to conduct research relating to the causes, prevention, screening, treatment and cure of prostate cancer. As used in this section, "qualified research institution" may include academic medical institutions, State or local government agencies, public or private organizations within New Jersey, and any other institution approved by the commission, which is conducting a prostate cancer research project.

4. This act shall take effect immediately and sections 1 and 2 shall apply to taxable years commencing on or after January 1 following enactment.

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