

CHAPTER 31

AN ACT concerning the New Jersey Hall of Fame, supplementing P.L.1985, c.325, amending P.L.1985, c.325 and P.L.2005, c.232, and repealing section 4 of P.L.2005, c.232.

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

C.5:10-6.6a Dissolution, transfer of certain entities to the Foundation for the New Jersey Hall of Fame.

1. The New Jersey Hall of Fame Advisory Commission, established pursuant to section 4 of P.L.2005, c.232 (C.5:10-6.6), and the New Jersey Hall of Fame corporation, established pursuant to subsection b. of section 1 of P.L.1985, c.325 (C.5:10-6.1), shall be dissolved as of the first day of the third month after enactment of P.L.2017, c.31. All property, funds, and assets of the New Jersey Hall of Fame Advisory Commission and the New Jersey Hall of Fame corporation shall be vested in and transferred to the Foundation for the New Jersey Hall of Fame, which, in addition to the powers and authority vested in it pursuant to section 6 of P.L.2005, c.232 (C.5:10-6.8), shall carry out the duties of the commission set forth in section 5 of P.L.2005, c.232 (C.5:10-6.7) as amended.

2. Section 1 of P.L.1985, c.325 (C.5:10-6.1) is amended to read as follows:

C.5:10-6.1 Establishment of New Jersey Hall of Fame.

1. a. The New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority created by P.L.1971, c.137 (C.5:10-1 et seq.) is authorized to establish a New Jersey Hall of Fame as a project either within the Meadowlands complex, or within the State of New Jersey, but outside of the Meadowlands complex, at a site that the board of trustees of the Foundation for the New Jersey Hall of Fame determines to be appropriate to meet the requirements of the New Jersey Hall of Fame project and to best serve the interests of the public. With respect to this project, the authority may exercise all the rights and powers relating to the Meadowlands complex granted to the authority under P.L.1971, c.137 (C.5:10-1 et seq.) as though the rights and powers were granted under P.L.1985, c.325 (C.5:10-6.1) and P.L.2005, c.232 (C.5:10-6.4 et al.), and made applicable to a New Jersey Hall of Fame.

b. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2017, c.31)

c. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2017, c.31)

3. Section 5 of P.L.2005, c.232 (C.5:10-6.7) is amended to read as follows:

C.5:10-6.7 Duties, authority of foundation.

5. a. It shall be the duty of the foundation to develop plans for maintaining and operating a New Jersey Hall of Fame and to provide information to the authority with respect to the operation, management and location of the New Jersey Hall of Fame as a project at a site either within the Meadowlands complex, or within the State of New Jersey, but outside of the Meadowlands complex, that the foundation determines to be appropriate to meet the requirements of the New Jersey Hall of Fame project and to best serve the interests of the public, giving due consideration to architectural designs, development of new structures or the adapting of existing structures within which the New Jersey Hall of Fame may be located, criteria for selection of nominees to the Hall of Fame, the annual ceremonies for the induction of nominees into the Hall of Fame and other areas the foundation may deem relevant to the creation at a site either within the Meadowlands complex, or within the State of New Jersey, but outside of the Meadowlands complex, of a New Jersey Hall of Fame

including, but not limited to, such programs and events in connection with the foundation's fund-raising activities to support the operation, maintenance, support and promotion of the New Jersey Hall of Fame and to support charitable organizations that directly benefit children in need in New Jersey and throughout the world.

b. The foundation shall also develop policies to improve the image of New Jersey, promote the heritage of the residents of this State and instill pride in the State by increasing the public's awareness of the contributions made to society by past and present residents of New Jersey, make recommendations for local and State actions to follow up the foundation's goals and consider such other matters relating to the accomplishment of its goals as the foundation may deem appropriate.

c. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2017, c.31)

d. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2017, c.31)

e. The foundation is authorized to receive and administer gifts, contributions, and funds from public and private sources to be expended solely for the purposes provided in this section.

4. Section 6 of P.L.2005, c.232 (C.5:10-6.8) is amended to read as follows:

C.5:10-6.8 Foundation for the New Jersey Hall of Fame.

6. a. The authority is authorized to establish a nonprofit, educational and charitable organization to be known as the Foundation for the New Jersey Hall of Fame, hereinafter referred to as the "foundation." The foundation shall be incorporated as a New Jersey nonprofit corporation pursuant to P.L.1983, c.127 (C.15A:1-1 et seq.), and organized and operated in such manner as to be eligible under applicable federal law for tax-exempt status and for the receipt of tax-deductible contributions, and shall be authorized to sue and to be sued as a legal entity separate from the authority and from the State of New Jersey.

b. In addition to the duties specified under section 5 of P.L.2005, c.232 (C.5:10-6.7), the foundation shall be responsible for the planning, promoting and coordinating of fund-raising drives and the soliciting of contributions for the purposes set forth in P.L.2005, c.232 (C.5:10-6.4 et al.) and for determining how such funds and contributions shall be allocated for: (1) the support of the New Jersey Hall of Fame project including, but not limited to, the annual induction ceremonies for nominees to the New Jersey Hall of Fame and other events sponsored in connection with the New Jersey Hall of Fame project; (2) the support of charitable organizations that directly benefit children in need in New Jersey and throughout the world; (3) the administrative and other expenses of the hall of fame; and (4) other purposes of P.L.2005, c.232 (C.5:10-6.4 et al.).

5. Section 9 of P.L.2005, c.232 (C.5:10-6.11) is amended to read as follows:

C.5:10-6.11 Annual report to Governor, Legislature, public.

9. The foundation shall annually report its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the Legislature, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), and the public. The report shall address the responsibilities of the foundation and all other issues which the foundation finds to be necessarily related.

6. Section 11 of P.L.2005, c.232 (C.5:10-6.13) is amended to read as follows:

C.5:10-6.13 Expenses payable from funds raised by foundation.

11. All expenses incurred by the foundation shall be payable from funds raised by the foundation, and from such other funds as may be made available to the foundation, and no liability or obligation, in tort or contract, shall be incurred by the State for the operation of the foundation. The foundation shall, if necessary, obtain private counsel, and shall not be represented by the Attorney General or indemnified by the State of New Jersey.

Repealer.

7. Section 4 of P.L.2005, c.232 (C.5:10-6.6) is repealed.

8. The 15 appointed members of the New Jersey Hall of Fame Advisory Commission, established pursuant to section 4 of P.L.2005, c.232 (C.5:10-6.6), serving on the effective date of P.L.2017, c.31 shall continue to serve for one year following the effective date of P.L.2017, c.31 as members of the board of trustees of the foundation, established pursuant to section 7 of P.L.2005, c.232 (C.5:10-6.9).

9. This act shall take effect on the first day of the first month next following enactment.

Approved March 13, 2017.