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(Corporation Tax  
Act--allow  
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violations &  
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ASSEMBLY, No. 3265  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MARCH 22, 1990

By Assemblymen DORIA, CHARLES, Scerni, Hudak, Deverin, Jacobson, Schwartz, Spadaro, Duch, Gill, Salmon, Kenny, McGreevey, Mazur, Mecca, Baer, Naples, Pelly, Watson, Kronick, Smith, Cohen, Menendez, Bryant, Assemblywoman Ford, Assemblymen Doyle, Villapiano, Cimino and Impreveduto

1 AN ACT concerning deductions from certain State taxes of  
2 environmental cleanup and related costs, and amending  
3 N.J.S.54A:5-1 and P.L.1945, c.162  
4

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

7 1. N.J.S.54A:5-1 is amended to read as follows:

8 54A:5-1. New Jersey Gross Income Defined. New Jersey gross  
9 income shall consist of the following categories of income:

10 a. Salaries, wages, tips, fees, commissions, bonuses, and other  
11 remuneration received for services rendered whether in cash or in  
12 property.

13 b. Net profits from business. The net income from the  
14 operation of a business, profession or other activity after  
15 provision for all costs and expenses incurred in the conduct  
16 thereof, determined either on a cash or accrual basis in  
17 accordance with the method of accounting allowed for federal  
18 income tax purposes but without deduction:

19 (1) of taxes based on income; or

20 (2) (a) any expenses incurred in containing, cleaning up,  
21 disposing of, and mitigating the adverse effects of an  
22 unauthorized discharge of a hazardous substance, or (b) actual  
23 damages or other compensation, and interest charges thereon,  
24 paid to the State or any political subdivision, agency or other  
25 instrumentality of the State, for costs incurred by the State or  
26 other governmental agency in containing, cleaning up, disposing,  
27 or mitigating the adverse effects of an unauthorized discharge of  
28 a hazardous substance onto the land or into the waters or air, or  
29 for any loss or destruction of wildlife resulting from the  
30 discharge, or the restoration thereof, or paid to any other person  
31 for injuries to a person or damages to property resulting from the  
32 unauthorized discharge; provided however, that the exceptions  
33 under this paragraph shall not apply to damages or compensation  
34 paid as a result of an unauthorized discharge that was the result  
35 of fire, riot, sabotage, flood, storm event, natural cause, or other  
36 act of God, or caused by a person who was outside the reasonable  
37 control of a discharger. As used in this paragraph, "discharge"  
38 and "hazardous substance" shall have the same meaning as set  
39 forth in section 3 of P.L.1976, c.141 (C.58:10-23.11b).

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 c. Net gains or income from disposition of property. Net gains  
2 or net income, less net losses, derived from the sale, exchange or  
3 other disposition of property, including real or personal, whether  
4 tangible or intangible as determined in accordance with the  
5 method of accounting allowed for federal income tax purposes.  
6 For the purpose of determining gain or loss, the basis of property  
7 shall be the adjusted basis used for federal income tax purposes,  
8 but without a deduction for costs, damages, or compensation  
9 excepted pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection b. of this section.

10 For the tax year 1976, any taxpayer with a tax liability under  
11 this subsection, or under the "Tax on Capital Gains and Other  
12 Unearned Income Act" (P.L.1975, c.172), shall not be subject to  
13 payment of an amount greater than the amount he would have  
14 paid if either return had covered all capital transactions during  
15 the full tax year 1976; provided, however, that the rate which  
16 shall apply to any capital gain shall be that in effect on the date  
17 of the transaction. To the extent that any loss is used to offset  
18 any gain under P.L.1975, c.172, it shall not be used to offset any  
19 gain under the "New Jersey Gross Income Tax Act" (P.L.1976,  
20 c.47).

21 The term "net gains or income" shall not include gains or  
22 income derived from obligations which are referred to in clause  
23 (1) or (2) of section 54A:6-14 of this act or from securities which  
24 evidence ownership in a qualified investment fund as defined in  
25 section 2 of P.L.1987, c.310 (C.54A:6-14.1). The term "net gains  
26 or net income" shall not include gains or income from  
27 transactions to the extent to which nonrecognition is allowed for  
28 federal income tax purposes. The term "sale, exchange or other  
29 disposition" shall not include the exchange of stock or securities  
30 in a corporation a party to a reorganization in pursuance of a plan  
31 of reorganization, solely for stock or securities in such  
32 corporation or in another corporation a party to the  
33 reorganization and the transfer of property to a corporation by  
34 one or more persons solely in exchange for stock or securities in  
35 such corporation if immediately after the exchange such person  
36 or persons are in control of the corporation. For purposes of this  
37 clause, stock or securities issued for services shall not be  
38 considered as issued in return for property.

39 For purposes of this clause, the term "reorganization" means--

40 (i) A statutory merger or consolidation;

41 (ii) The acquisition by one corporation, in exchange solely for  
42 all or part of its voting stock (or in exchange solely for all or a  
43 part of the voting stock of a corporation which is in control of  
44 the acquiring corporation) of stock of another corporation if,  
45 immediately after the acquisition, the acquiring corporation has  
46 control of such other corporation (whether or not such acquiring  
47 corporation had control immediately before the acquisition);

48 (iii) The acquisition by one corporation, in exchange solely for

1 all or part of its voting stock (or in exchange solely for all or a  
2 part of the voting stock of a corporation which is in control of  
3 the acquiring corporation), of substantially all of the properties  
4 of another corporation, but in determining whether the exchange  
5 is solely for stock the assumption by the acquiring corporation of  
6 a liability of the other, or the fact that property acquired is  
7 subject to a liability, shall be disregarded;

8 (iv) A transfer by a corporation of all or a part of its assets to  
9 another corporation if immediately after the transfer the  
10 transferor, or one or more of its shareholders (including persons  
11 who were shareholders immediately before the transfer), or any  
12 combination thereof, is in control of the corporation to which the  
13 assets are transferred;

14 (v) A recapitalization;

15 (vi) A mere change in identity, form, or place of organization  
16 however effected; or

17 (vii) The acquisition by one corporation, in exchange for stock  
18 of a corporation (referred to in this subclause as "controlling  
19 corporation") which is in control of the acquiring corporation, of  
20 substantially all of the properties of another corporation which in  
21 the transaction is merged into the acquiring corporation shall not  
22 disqualify a transaction under subclause (i) if such transaction  
23 would have qualified under subclause (i) if the merger had been  
24 into the controlling corporation, and no stock of the acquiring  
25 corporation is used in the transaction;

26 (viii) A transaction otherwise qualifying under subclause (i)  
27 shall not be disqualified by reason of the fact that stock of a  
28 corporation (referred to in this subclause as the "controlling  
29 corporation") which before the merger was in control of the  
30 merged corporation is used in the transaction, if after the  
31 transaction, the corporation surviving the merger holds  
32 substantially all of its properties and of the properties of the  
33 merged corporation (other than stock of the controlling  
34 corporation distributed in the transaction); and in the transaction,  
35 former shareholders of the surviving corporation exchanged, for  
36 an amount of voting stock of the controlling corporation, an  
37 amount of stock in the surviving corporation which constitutes  
38 control of such corporation.

39 For purposes of this clause, the term "control" means the  
40 ownership of stock possessing at least 80% of the total combined  
41 voting power of all classes of stock entitled to vote and at least  
42 80% of total number of shares of all other classes of stock of the  
43 corporation.

44 For purposes of this clause, the term "a party to a  
45 reorganization" includes a corporation resulting from a  
46 reorganization, and both corporations, in the case of a  
47 reorganization resulting from the acquisition by one corporation  
48 of stock or properties of another. In the case of a reorganization

1 other jurisdiction.

2 (cf: P.L.1987, c.310, s.1)

3 2. Section 4 of P.L.1945, c.162 (C.54:10A-4) is amended to  
4 read as follows:

5 4. For the purposes of this act, unless the context requires a  
6 different meaning:

7 (a) "Commissioner" shall mean the Director of the Division of  
8 Taxation of the State Department of the Treasury.

9 (b) "Allocation factor" shall mean the proportionate part of a  
10 taxpayer's net worth or entire net income used to determine a  
11 measure of its tax under this act.

12 (c) "Corporation" shall mean any corporation, joint-stock  
13 company or association and any business conducted by a trustee  
14 or trustees wherein interest or ownership is evidenced by a  
15 certificate of interest or ownership or similar written instrument.

16 (d) "Net worth" shall mean the aggregate of the values  
17 disclosed by the books of the corporation for (1) issued and  
18 outstanding capital stock, (2) paid-in or capital surplus, (3) earned  
19 surplus and undivided profits, and (4) surplus reserves which can  
20 reasonably be expected to accrue to holders or owners of  
21 equitable shares, not including reasonable valuation reserves,  
22 such as reserves for depreciation or obsolescence or depletion.  
23 Notwithstanding the foregoing, net worth shall not include any  
24 deduction for the amount of the excess depreciation described in  
25 paragraph (2)(F) of subsection (k) of this section. The foregoing  
26 aggregate of values shall be reduced by 50% of the amount  
27 disclosed by the books of the corporation for investment in the  
28 capital stock of one or more subsidiaries, which investment is  
29 defined as ownership (1) of at least 80% of the total combined  
30 voting power of all classes of stock of the subsidiary entitled to  
31 vote and (2) of at least 80% of the total number of shares of all  
32 other classes of stock except nonvoting stock which is limited and  
33 preferred as to dividends. In the case of investment in an entity  
34 organized under the laws of a foreign country, the foregoing  
35 requisite degree of ownership shall effect a like reduction of such  
36 investment from net worth of the taxpayer, if the foreign entity  
37 is considered a corporation for any purpose under the United  
38 States federal income tax laws, such as (but not by way of sole  
39 examples) for the purpose of supplying deemed paid foreign tax  
40 credits or for the purpose of status as a controlled foreign  
41 corporation. In calculating the net worth of a taxpayer entitled  
42 to reduction for investment in subsidiaries, the amount of  
43 liabilities of the taxpayer shall be reduced by such proportion of  
44 the liabilities as corresponds to the ratio which the excluded  
45 portion of the subsidiary values bears to the total assets of the  
46 taxpayer.

47 In the case of banking corporations which have international  
48 banking facilities as defined in subsection (n), the foregoing

1 or from both combined, as well as profit gained through a sale or  
2 conversion of capital assets. For the purpose of this act, the  
3 amount of a taxpayer's entire net income shall be deemed prima  
4 facie to be equal in amount to the taxable income, before net  
5 operating loss deduction and special deductions, which the  
6 taxpayer is required to report to the United States Treasury  
7 Department for the purpose of computing its federal income tax;  
8 provided, however, that in the determination of such entire net  
9 income,

10 (1) Entire net income shall exclude for the periods set forth in  
11 paragraph (2)(F)(i) of this subsection, any amount, except with  
12 respect to qualified mass commuting vehicles as described in  
13 section 168(f)(8)(D) (v) of the Internal Revenue Code as in effect  
14 immediately prior to January 1, 1984, which is included in a  
15 taxpayer's federal taxable income solely as a result of an  
16 election made pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (8) of that  
17 section.

18 (2) Entire net income shall be determined without the  
19 exclusion, deduction or credit of:

20 (A) The amount of any specific exemption or credit allowed in  
21 any law of the United States imposing any tax on or measured by  
22 the income of corporations;

23 (B) Any part of any income from dividends or interest on any  
24 kind of stock, securities or indebtedness, except as provided in  
25 paragraph (5) of subsection (k) of this section;

26 (C) Taxes paid or accrued to the United States on or measured  
27 by profits or income, or the tax imposed by this act, or any tax  
28 paid or accrued with respect to subsidiary dividends excluded  
29 from entire net income as provided in paragraph (5) of subsection  
30 (k) of this section;

31 (D) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1985, c.143.)

32 (E) 90% of interest on indebtedness owing directly or  
33 indirectly to holders of 10% or more of the aggregate outstanding  
34 shares of the taxpayer's capital stock of all classes; except that  
35 such interest may, in any event, be deducted

36 (i) Up to an amount not exceeding \$1,000.00;

37 (ii) In full to the extent that it relates to bonds or other  
38 evidences of indebtedness issued, with stock, pursuant to a bona  
39 fide plan of reorganization, to persons, who, prior to such  
40 reorganization, were bona fide creditors of the corporation or its  
41 predecessors, but were not stockholders or shareholders thereof;

42 (iii) In full to the extent that it relates to debt of a financial  
43 business corporation owed to an affiliate corporation; provided  
44 that such interest rate does not exceed 2% over prime rate; the  
45 prime rate to be determined by the Commissioner of Banking;

46 (iv) In full to the extent that it relates to financing of motor  
47 vehicle inventory held for sale to customers; provided said  
48 indebtedness is owed to a taxpayer customarily and routinely

1 providing this type of financing;

2 (v) In full to the extent it relates to debt of a banking  
3 corporation to a bank holding company, of which the banking  
4 corporation is a subsidiary, or to a debt of a banking corporation  
5 to another banking corporation with respect to federal funds  
6 transactions governed by section 23A of the Federal Reserve Act  
7 (12 U.S.C. § 371c.) when both banking corporations are  
8 subsidiaries of the same bank holding company, as defined in 12  
9 U.S.C. § 1841.

10 (F)(i) The amount by which depreciation reported to the  
11 United States Treasury Department for property placed in service  
12 on and after January 1, 1981, for purposes of computing federal  
13 taxable income in accordance with section 168 of the Internal  
14 Revenue Code in effect after December 31, 1980, exceeds the  
15 amount of depreciation determined in accordance with the  
16 Internal Revenue Code provisions in effect prior to January 1,  
17 1981, but only with respect to a taxpayer's accounting period  
18 ending after December 31, 1981; provided, however, that where a  
19 taxpayer's accounting period begins in 1981 and ends in 1982, no  
20 modification shall be required with respect to this paragraph (F)  
21 for the report filed for such period with respect to property  
22 placed in service during that part of the accounting period which  
23 occurs in 1981.

24 (ii) For the periods set forth in subparagraph (F)(i) of this  
25 subsection, any amount, except with respect to qualified mass  
26 commuting vehicles as described in section 168(f)(8)(D) (v) of the  
27 Internal Revenue Code as in effect immediately prior to January  
28 1, 1984, which the taxpayer claimed as a deduction in computing  
29 federal income tax pursuant to a qualified lease agreement under  
30 paragraph (8) of that section.

31 The director shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary  
32 to carry out the provisions of this section, which rules shall  
33 provide, among others, the manner in which the remaining life of  
34 property shall be reported.

35 (G) The amount of (1) any expenses incurred in containing,  
36 cleaning up, disposing of, or mitigating the adverse effects of an  
37 unauthorized discharge of a hazardous substance, or (2) actual  
38 damages or other compensation, and interest charges thereon,  
39 paid to the State or any political subdivision, agency or other  
40 instrumentality of the State, for costs incurred by the State or  
41 other governmental agency in containing, cleaning up, disposing,  
42 or mitigating the adverse effects of an unauthorized discharge of  
43 a hazardous substance onto the land or into the waters or air, or  
44 for any loss or destruction of wildlife resulting from the  
45 discharge, or the restoration thereof, or paid to any other person  
46 for injuries to a person or damages to property resulting from the  
47 unauthorized discharge; provided however, that the exceptions  
48 under this paragraph shall not apply to damages or



1 compensation paid as a result of an unauthorized discharge that  
2 was the result of fire, riot, sabotage, flood, storm event, natural  
3 cause, or other act of God, or caused by a person who was outside  
4 the reasonable control of a discharger. As used in this paragraph,  
5 "discharge" and "hazardous substance" shall have the same  
6 meaning as set forth in section 3 of P.L.1976, c.141  
7 (C.58:10-23.11b).

8 (3) The commissioner may, whenever necessary to properly  
9 reflect the entire net income of any taxpayer, determine the year  
10 or period in which any item of income or deduction shall be  
11 included, without being limited to the method of accounting  
12 employed by the taxpayer.

13 (4) There shall be allowed as a deduction from entire net  
14 income of a banking corporation, to the extent not deductible in  
15 determining federal taxable income, the eligible net income of an  
16 international banking facility determined as follows:

17 (A) The eligible net income of an international banking facility  
18 shall be the amount remaining after subtracting from the eligible  
19 gross income the applicable expenses;

20 (B) Eligible gross income shall be the gross income derived by  
21 an international banking facility, which shall include, but not be  
22 limited to, gross income derived from:

23 (i) Making, arranging for, placing or carrying loans to foreign  
24 persons, provided, however, that in the case of a foreign person  
25 which is an individual, or which is a foreign branch of a domestic  
26 corporation (other than a bank), or which is a foreign corporation  
27 or foreign partnership which is controlled by one or more  
28 domestic corporations (other than banks), domestic partnerships  
29 or resident individuals, all the proceeds of the loan are for use  
30 outside of the United States;

31 (ii) Making or placing deposits with foreign persons which are  
32 banks or foreign branches of banks (including foreign subsidiaries)  
33 or foreign branches of the taxpayers or with other international  
34 banking facilities; or

35 (iii) Entering into foreign exchange trading or hedging  
36 transactions related to any of the transactions described in this  
37 paragraph;

38 (iv) Such other activities as an international banking facility  
39 may, from time to time, be authorized to engage in;

40 (C) Applicable expenses shall be any expense or other  
41 deductions attributable, directly or indirectly, to the eligible  
42 gross income described in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph.

43 (5) Entire net income shall exclude 100% of dividends which  
44 were included in computing such taxable income for federal  
45 income tax purposes, paid to the taxpayer by one or more  
46 subsidiaries owned by the taxpayer to the extent of the 80% or  
47 more ownership of investment described in subsection (d) of this  
48 section. With respect to other dividends, entire net income shall

1 not include 50% of the total included in computing such taxable  
2 income for federal income tax purposes.

3 (6)(A) Net operating loss deduction. There shall be allowed as a  
4 deduction for the taxable year the net operating loss carryover to  
5 that year.

6 (B) Net operating loss carryover. A net operating loss for any  
7 taxable year ending after June 30, 1984 shall be a net operating  
8 loss carryover to each of the seven years following the year of  
9 the loss. The entire amount of the net operating loss for any  
10 taxable year (the "loss year") shall be carried to the earliest of  
11 the taxable years to which the loss may be carried. The portion  
12 of the loss which shall be carried to each of the other taxable  
13 years shall be the excess, if any, of the amount of the loss over  
14 the sum of the entire net income, computed without the  
15 exclusions permitted in paragraphs (4) and (5) of this subsection  
16 or the net operating loss deduction provided by subparagraph (A)  
17 of this paragraph, for each of the prior taxable years to which the  
18 loss may be carried.

19 (C) Net operating loss. For purposes of this paragraph the term  
20 "net operating loss" means the excess of the deductions over the  
21 gross income used in computing entire net income without the net  
22 operating loss deduction provided for in subparagraph (A) of this  
23 paragraph and the exclusions in paragraphs (4) and (5) of this  
24 subsection.

25 (D) Change in ownership. Where there is a change in 50% or  
26 more of the ownership of a corporation because of redemption or  
27 sale of stock and the corporation changes the trade or business  
28 giving rise to the loss, no net operating loss sustained before the  
29 changes may be carried over to be deducted from income earned  
30 after such changes. In addition where the facts support the  
31 premise that the corporation was acquired under any  
32 circumstances for the primary purpose of the use of its net  
33 operating loss carryover, the director may disallow the carryover.

34 (l) "Real estate investment trust" shall mean any corporation,  
35 trust or association qualifying and electing to be taxed as a real  
36 estate investment trust under federal law.

37 (m) "Financial business corporation" shall mean any corporate  
38 enterprise which is (1) in substantial competition with the  
39 business of national banks and which (2) employs moneyed capital  
40 with the object of making profit by its use as money, through  
41 discounting and negotiating promissory notes, drafts, bills of  
42 exchange and other evidences of debt; buying and selling  
43 exchange; making of or dealing in secured or unsecured loans and  
44 discounts; dealing in securities and shares of corporate stock by  
45 purchasing and selling such securities and stock without recourse,  
46 solely upon the order and for the account of customers; or  
47 investing and reinvesting in marketable obligations evidencing  
48 indebtedness of any person, copartnership, association or

1 corporation in the form of bonds, notes or debentures commonly  
2 known as investment securities; or dealing in or underwriting  
3 obligations of the United States, any state or any political  
4 subdivision thereof, or of a corporate instrumentality of any of  
5 them. This shall include, without limitation of the foregoing,  
6 business commonly known as industrial banks, dealers in  
7 commercial paper and acceptances, sales finance, personal  
8 finance, small loan and mortgage financing businesses, as well as  
9 any other enterprise employing moneyed capital coming into  
10 competition with the business of national banks; provided that the  
11 holding of bonds, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness by  
12 individual persons not employed or engaged in the banking or  
13 investment business and representing merely personal  
14 investments not made in competition with the business of  
15 national banks, shall not be deemed financial business. Nor shall  
16 "financial business" include national banks, production credit  
17 associations organized under the Farm Credit Act of 1933 or the  
18 Farm Credit Act of 1971, Pub.L. 92-181 (12 U.S.C. § 2091 et  
19 seq.), stock and mutual insurance companies duly authorized to  
20 transact business in this State, security brokers or dealers or  
21 investment companies or bankers not employing moneyed capital  
22 coming into competition with the business of national banks, real  
23 estate investment trusts, or any of the following entities  
24 organized under the laws of this State: credit unions, savings  
25 banks, savings and loan and building and loan associations,  
26 pawnbrokers, and State banks and trust companies.

27 (n) "International banking facility" shall mean a set of asset  
28 and liability accounts segregated on the books and records of a  
29 depository institution, United States branch or agency of a  
30 foreign bank, or an Edge or Agreement Corporation that includes  
31 only international banking facility time deposits and international  
32 banking facility extensions of credit as such terms are defined in  
33 section 204.8(a)(2) and section 204.8(a)(3) of Regulation D of the  
34 board of governors of the Federal Reserve System, 12 CFR Part  
35 204, effective December 3, 1981. In the event that the United  
36 States enacts a law, or the board of governors of the Federal  
37 Reserve System adopts a regulation which amends the present  
38 definition of international banking facility or of such facilities'  
39 time deposits or extensions of credit, the Commissioner of  
40 Banking shall forthwith adopt regulations defining such terms in  
41 the same manner as such terms are set forth in the laws of the  
42 United States or the regulations of the board of governors of the  
43 Federal Reserve System. The regulations of the Commissioner of  
44 Banking shall thereafter provide the applicable definitions.

45 (cf: P.L.1989, c.59, s.1)

46 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

This bill amends the "Corporation Business Tax Act (1945)" and the "New Jersey Gross Income Tax Act." The bill would eliminate as deductible expenses the costs of cleaning up an unauthorized discharge or release of a hazardous substance. Certain related expenses are also to be excluded, as are damages or compensation paid therefor to governmental agencies, or to other persons for injuries or damage to property resulting from such a discharge or release.

ENVIRONMENT

Concerns certain tax deductible expenses for certain environmental cleanups.

ASSEMBLY ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

ASSEMBLY, No. 3265

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: APRIL 16, 1990

Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly Bill No. 3265 amends the "Corporation Business Tax Act (1945)" and the "New Jersey Gross Income Tax Act" to eliminate as a deductible business expense:

(1) any civil, civil administrative, or criminal penalty or fine assessed and collected for a violation of State or federal environmental law, or of an environmental ordinance or resolution of a local governmental entity;

(2) any economic benefits accruing to a violator as a result of a violation, which economic benefits are assessed and recovered pursuant to a civil, civil administrative, or criminal action;

(3) treble damages paid to the State for cleanup and removal costs incurred as a result of the failure of a discharger to clean up an unauthorized discharge pursuant to a directive issued by the Department of Environmental Protection in accordance with subsection a. of section 7 of P.L.1976, c.141 (C.58:10-23.11f).

Exempted from the provisions of the bill are penalties or fines for violations resulting from an event or act of God beyond the reasonable control of the violator, or an act or omission of a person who was outside the reasonable control of a violator.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE TO  
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
ASSEMBLY, No. 3265

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: July 6, 1990

Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly Bill No. 3265 of 1990 amends the "Corporation Business Tax Act" and the New Jersey Gross Income Tax Act" to eliminate as a deductible business expense:

(1) any civil, civil administrative, or criminal penalty or fine assessed and collected for a violation of State or federal environmental law, or of an environmental ordinance or resolution of a local governmental entity;

(2) any economic benefits accruing to a violator as a result of a violation, which economic benefits are assessed and recovered pursuant to a civil, civil administrative, or criminal action;

(3) treble damages paid to the State for cleanup and removal costs incurred as a result of the failure of a discharger to clean up an unauthorized discharge pursuant to a directive issued by the Department of Environmental Protection in accordance with subsection a. of section 7 of P.L.1976, c. 141 (C.58:10-23.11f).

Exempted from the provisions of the bill are penalties or fines for violations resulting from an event or act of God beyond the reasonable control of the violator, or an act or omission of a person who was outside the reasonable control of a violator.

The Office of Legislative Services cannot estimate the amount of additional tax revenues the State would accrue as a result of the bill's enactment due to the uncertainty of such future occurrences and their eventual legal disposition. An attempt to develop an estimate based on previous penalties of this sort was not successful because not all assessed penalties have been collected, "economic benefits" are difficult to gauge, and the amount of penalties that were actually used as deductible business expenses could not be ascertained.

This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67.



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## FLORIO SIGNS BILLS IMPOSING RECORD FINES FOR OIL SPILLS AND TOUGHER INDUSTRY RULES

PORT ELIZABETH -- On the heels of yet another incident in the Arthur Kill, Governor Jim Florio today signed a package of bills that impose record fines of up to \$10 million for oil spills and toughen industry procedures.

Specifically the bills:

### IMPOSE RECORD PENALTIES FOR SPILLS

(S 2517/A 3264; Sponsored by Senator Richard Van Wagner, Assemblyman John Villipiano and Assemblywoman Marlene Lynch Ford)

Currently the law allows for penalties of up to \$50,000 per day for each violation, and does not take into account the size of the spill. This bill amends the Spill Compensation and Control Act to allow a penalty of up to \$10 million for a catastrophic spill of a hazardous substance, defined as a spill of 100,000 gallons or more.

The penalties apply to anyone whose discharge reaches New Jersey waters or lands, whether or not the spill actually occurred outside of the state. The bill directs the Department of Environmental Protection to take into account the conduct of the discharge and the extent of the damage in determining the level of the fine.

The bill also provides DEP with other enforcement tools. It authorizes DEP to assess civil administrative penalties to recover costs of investigation or cleanup, instead of having to go to court to collect penalties. It also expands the list of damages for which a polluter must pay to include the cost of restoring or replacing personal property, lost income resulting from damage caused by the spill, and the cost of repairing or replacing damaged and destroyed natural resources.

## **PROHIBIT NIGHTTIME TRANSFERS WITHOUT PROPER LIGHTING**

(A 3268/ S 2478; Sponsored by Senator Richard Van Wagner, Assemblyman George Otlowski)

In order to address the problem of detecting oil spills at night, this bill prohibits nighttime transfers of petroleum products through underwater pipelines unless there is proper lighting.

Within one year, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) must promulgate rules requiring lighting of transfer connection points, adjacent facilities and vessel areas and surrounding waters for all nighttime transfers of hazardous substances. The DEP may also require, if necessary, to have lighting at the point at which underwater pipelines emerge onto the land. The DEP regulations are to mirror the Coast Guard's guidelines on lighting to the maximum extent possible.

## **DEPLOY BOOMS AS A PRECAUTION DURING TRANSFERS**

(S 2520/A 3263; Sponsored by Senator Richard Van Wagner/Assemblymen Tom Duch and Louis Gill)

This bill requires the Department of Environmental Protection to adopt regulations that containment booms or other safety devices must be in place for any transfer of a hazardous liquid.

Within one year, DEP will provide a list of hazardous liquids and identify the circumstances for which booms must be in place, based on criteria such as the safety record and degree of danger the transfer poses. DEP may also require that specific equipment or chemicals be on hand to contain a spill. For flammable substances and other transfers when it would be dangerous to use booms, DEP will prescribe other safety measures.

Companies must incorporate these safety measures in the Discharge Prevention Control and Countermeasure plans they are required to file with the DEP. Within 31 days after DEP adopts the regulations, companies must have in place or on stand-by, all equipment and personnel required.

If the transfer is occurring at a land-based facility, the facility is responsible for ensuring that the equipment and personnel are in place. If the transfer is between two vessels, each vessel is responsible.



## **ELIMINATE TAX WRITE-OFFS FOR CLEANUPS**

(A 3265/S 2519; Sponsored by Assemblyman Joe Doria/Senator Richard Van Wagner)

This bill amends the New Jersey Gross Income Tax Act to provide that treble damages paid for cleaning up a spill, and fines and penalties paid for a spill will not be tax deductible as a business expense.

Any fine collected for a violation of a state or federal environmental law, an administrative consent order, a local penalty or fine, or any economic benefit gained as a result of a violation can not be deducted as a business expense from net profits. This does not apply if the fine was for a violation that resulted from an act beyond the control of the violator or if the violation was caused by a person outside the control of the violator, such as a fire or flood.

The bill also prohibits deducting the treble damages paid to the Department of Environmental Protection for the cost of removing or cleaning up a spill. (This occurs when DEP does the cleanup and then assesses damages on the polluter at three times the cost of the cleanup.)

## **IMPOSE TOUGHER REGULATIONS FOR STORAGE AND TRANSFER**

(A 3262/S 2518; Sponsored by Assemblyman Bob Smith and Neil Cohen/Senator Richard Van Wagner)

This bill is the main regulatory bill strengthening the Discharge Prevention Control and Countermeasures (DPCC) program at DEP. The program requires that facilities that refine, store or transfer hazardous substances submit cleanup and removal plans to DEP. This bill beefs up the program and puts greater and more specific burdens on facilities in doing their plans.

The bill requires that the plans must be more specific in identifying areas that might be damaged by a spill. Companies must identify environmentally sensitive areas and come up with plans to protect and assess the damage of those areas.

## **ENFORCE BETTER PIPELINE SAFETY**

(S 2516/A 3266/A 3257; Sponsored by Senator Ray Lesniak/Assemblyman George Hudak and Tom Deverin)

This bill requires facilities to register all pipelines in New Jersey, and directs DEP to conduct a study to make recommendations for regulating pipelines for safety.

Currently, the federal government regulates interstate pipelines, but there is no regulation of intrastate pipelines.

Within 18 months, DEP must adopt regulations establishing a registration program for all intrastate pipelines. Within 6 months after the regulations are issued, facilities must submit the pipeline information, including maps, types of pipes, descriptions of the materials transported through pipes, and any other necessary information.

Within 3 years, DEP must conduct a study to determine the appropriateness of establishing a program similar to the federal interstate pipeline safety program for intrastate pipelines. This study must include an assessment of state-of-the-art leak detection systems, of the closure and removal of abandoned pipelines, of the need for secondary containment devices for underwater pipelines, and of automatic internal leak detection devices. The report will be submitted to the Legislature and the Governor, making specific recommendations of necessary legislative and administrative action.

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REMARKS PREPARED FOR DELIVERY BY GOVERNOR JIM FLORIO  
OIL SPILL PREVENTION AND PENALTIES BILL SIGNING  
ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY  
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I THOUGHT I'D SEEN THE LAST OF THE ARTHUR KILL OIL SPILLS, BUT ONCE AGAIN, WE'RE STANDING AT THE SCENE OF YET ANOTHER ASSAULT AGAINST THE ENVIRONMENT.

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU, BUT I'VE HAD IT UP TO HERE WITH THE CARELESSNESS, NEGLECT AND INDIFFERENCE WE'VE SEEN FROM THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR MOVING OIL HERE.

YOU'D THINK BY NOW, THESE COMPANIES UNDERSTOOD THE POINT.

EVEN CHILDREN GET THE POINT. LET ME READ JUST A FEW LINES FROM LETTERS I RECEIVED THE OTHER DAY FROM SOME YOUNG STUDENTS AT THE ASCENSION SCHOOL IN NEW MILFORD:

CRISTINA RODRIGUEZ: "I AM CONCERNED ABOUT THESE OIL SPILLS. WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO MY WORLD, MY CHILDREN'S WORLD, OR MAYBE EVEN MY GRANDCHILDREN'S WORLD?"

REY CRUZ: "I AM VERY UPSET ABOUT OIL SPILLS. FISH ARE DYING, AND IF THIS KEEPS UP, OUR CHILDREN WON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT A FISH IS."

HOW MUCH PLAINER COULD IT BE? THE ENVIRONMENT CAN'T TAKE THIS KIND OF ABUSE ANY MORE. THE PEOPLE OF NEW JERSEY CAN'T TAKE IT ANY MORE. AND I SURE WON'T TAKE IT ANY MORE.

UNFORTUNATELY, SOME PEOPLE STILL DON'T GET THE MESSAGE.

NOW THEY WILL.

IN A MOMENT, I'M GOING TO SIGN A PACKAGE OF BILLS INTO LAW THAT'S GOING TO MAKE PEOPLE THINK TWICE -- MAYBE MORE -- BEFORE THEY ACT IRRESPONSIBLY TOWARD OUR ENVIRONMENT.

THESE LAWS CARRY A VERY SIMPLE MESSAGE.

YOU SPILL, YOU PAY.

NOT A LITTLE BIT, BUT A LOT.

UP TO \$10 MILLION.

IT'S TIME TO HIT THESE COMPANIES WHERE IT HURTS -- WITH STIFF PENALTIES AND FINES.

AND WHEN THEY'RE FORCED TO PAY FOR THE CLEANUP, AND PAY TRIPLE DAMAGES, WE'RE NOT GOING TO LET THEM DEDUCT THAT AS THE COST OF DOING BUSINESS.

BECAUSE THE COST OF DOING BUSINESS SHOULDN'T COME AT OUR EXPENSE, OR THAT OF THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT. WE'RE GOING TO PUT THE COST BACK WHERE IT BELONGS -- IN THEIR POCKETS.

AND WHEN THEY FEEL THAT STING, MAYBE -- JUST MAYBE -- THEY'LL WAKE UP AND REALIZE THAT IT'S IN THEIR BEST INTEREST TO PAY ATTENTION TO WHAT THEY'RE DOING.

I KNOW I SPEAK NOT JUST FOR THE PEOPLE OF NEW JERSEY, BUT FOR THE FUTURE CHILDREN -- AND GRANDCHILDREN -- OF CRISTINA AND REY AND ALL THE OTHER CHILDREN WHO ARE CONCERNED.

IT'S NOT GOING TO BE BUSINESS AS USUAL ANY MORE. THESE LAWS ARE GOING TO TEACH INDUSTRY A NEW VERSION OF THE THREE "R'S:"

RESPONSIBILITY FOR ITS ACTIONS.

RESPONSIBILITY TO THE ENVIRONMENT.

AND RESPONSIBILITY AS GOOD NEIGHBORS.

THAT MEANS NO MORE TRANSFERS OF OIL WITHOUT CONTAINMENT BOOMS. IT MEANS NO MORE NIGHT TIME TRANSFERS OF OIL INTO PIPELINES WITHOUT PROPER LIGHTING.

IT MEANS THAT THE INDUSTRY JUST GOT A NEW PARTNER -- THE DEP. WE'RE GOING TO STRENGTHEN ITS HAND, AND IT'S GOING TO USE THAT STRENGTH TO HOLD THE INDUSTRY'S FEET TO THE FIRE.

I'VE ASKED THE CHILDREN WHO WROTE TO ME TO HELP ME TODAY, SO IF THEY WOULD COME FORWARD, WE'LL SIGN THESE BILLS INTO LAW.

AFTER SIX MONTHS AND NEARLY ONE MILLIONS GALLONS OF OIL, WE GOT THE MESSAGE. THIS IS OUR ANSWER.

NONE OF THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE HARD WORK AND PERSISTENCE OF SOME OF OUR LEGISLATORS, WHO ARE HERE TODAY.

I ESPECIALLY WANT TO THANK SENATOR VAN WAGNER FOR HIS EFFORTS. AND I WANT TO THANK SENATOR LESNIAK AND ASSEMBLYMAN SMITH FOR THEIR PART IN THIS LEGISLATION.

AND NOW, I'D LIKE SENATOR VAN WAGNER AND ASSEMBLYMAN SMITH TO COME UP AND SAY A FEW WORDS.

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
ASSEMBLY, No. 3265

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ADOPTED APRIL 23, 1990

Sponsored by Assemblymen DORIA and CHARLES

1 AN ACT concerning business expense deductions from State  
2 income and corporate taxes for violations of environmental  
3 laws, ordinances or resolutions, and amending N.J.S.54A:5-1  
4 and P.L.1945, c.162.

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

8 1. N.J.S. 54A:5-1 is amended to read as follows:

9 54A:5-1. New Jersey Gross Income Defined. New Jersey gross  
10 income shall consist of the following categories of income:

11 a. Salaries, wages, tips, fees, commissions, bonuses, and other  
12 remuneration received for services rendered whether in cash or in  
13 property.

14 b. Net profits from business. The net income from the  
15 operation of a business, profession or other activity after  
16 provision for all costs and expenses incurred in the conduct  
17 thereof, determined either on a cash or accrual basis in  
18 accordance with the method of accounting allowed for federal  
19 income tax purposes but without deduction of the amount of:

20 (1) taxes based on income;

21 (2) a civil, civil administrative, or criminal penalty or fine,  
22 including a penalty or fine under an administrative consent order,  
23 assessed and collected for a violation of a State or federal  
24 environmental law, an administrative consent order, or an  
25 environmental ordinance or resolution of a local governmental  
26 entity, and any interest earned on the penalty or fine, and any  
27 economic benefits having accrued to the violator as a result of a  
28 violation, which benefits are assessed and recovered in a civil,  
29 civil administrative, or criminal action, or pursuant to an  
30 administrative consent order. The provisions of this paragraph  
31 shall not apply to a penalty or fine assessed or collected for a  
32 violation of a State or federal environmental law, or local  
33 environmental ordinance or resolution, if the penalty or fine was  
34 for a violation that resulted from fire, riot, sabotage, flood,  
35 storm event, natural cause, or other act of God beyond the  
36 reasonable control of the violator, or caused by an act or  
37 ommission of a person who was outside the reasonable control of  
38 the violator; and

39 (3) treble damages paid to the Department of Environmental

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 Protection pursuant to subsection a. of section 7 of P.L.1976,  
2 c.141 (C.58:10-23.11f) for costs incurred by the department in  
3 removing, or arranging for the removal of, an unauthorized  
4 discharge upon the failure of the discharger to comply with a  
5 directive from the department to remove, or arrange for the  
6 removal of, a discharge.

7 c. Net gains or income from disposition of property. Net gains  
8 or net income, less net losses, derived from the sale, exchange or  
9 other disposition of property, including real or personal, whether  
10 tangible or intangible as determined in accordance with the  
11 method of accounting allowed for federal income tax purposes.  
12 For the purpose of determining gain or loss, the basis of property  
13 shall be the adjusted basis used for federal income tax purposes ,  
14 but without a deduction for penalties, fines, or economic benefits  
15 excepted pursuant to subparagraph (2), or for treble damages  
16 excepted pursuant to subparagraph (3) of subsection b. of this  
17 section.

18 For the tax year 1976, any taxpayer with a tax liability under  
19 this subsection, or under the "Tax on Capital Gains and Other  
20 Unearned Income Act" (P.L.1975, c.172), shall not be subject to  
21 payment of an amount greater than the amount he would have  
22 paid if either return had covered all capital transactions during  
23 the full tax year 1976; provided, however, that the rate which  
24 shall apply to any capital gain shall be that in effect on the date  
25 of the transaction. To the extent that any loss is used to offset  
26 any gain under P.L.1975, c.172, it shall not be used to offset any  
27 gain under the "New Jersey Gross Income Tax Act" (P.L.1976,  
28 c.47).

29 The term "net gains or income" shall not include gains or  
30 income derived from obligations which are referred to in clause  
31 (1) or (2) of section 54A:6-14 of this act or from securities which  
32 evidence ownership in a qualified investment fund as defined in  
33 section 2 of P.L.1987, c.310 (C.54A:6-14.1). The term "net gains  
34 or net income" shall not include gains or income from  
35 transactions to the extent to which nonrecognition is allowed for  
36 federal income tax purposes. The term "sale, exchange or other  
37 disposition" shall not include the exchange of stock or securities  
38 in a corporation a party to a reorganization in pursuance of a plan  
39 of reorganization, solely for stock or securities in such  
40 corporation or in another corporation a party to the  
41 reorganization and the transfer of property to a corporation by  
42 one or more persons solely in exchange for stock or securities in  
43 such corporation if immediately after the exchange such person  
44 or persons are in control of the corporation. For purposes of this  
45 clause, stock or securities issued for services shall not be  
46 considered as issued in return for property.

47 For purposes of this clause, the term "reorganization" means--

48 (i) A statutory merger or consolidation;

49 (ii) The acquisition by one corporation, in exchange solely for

1 all or part of its voting stock (or in exchange solely for all or a  
2 part of the voting stock of a corporation which is in control of  
3 the acquiring corporation) of stock of another corporation if,  
4 immediately after the acquisition, the acquiring corporation has  
5 control of such other corporation (whether or not such acquiring  
6 corporation had control immediately before the acquisition);

7 (iii) The acquisition by one corporation, in exchange solely for  
8 all or part of its voting stock (or in exchange solely for all or a  
9 part of the voting stock of a corporation which is in control of  
10 the acquiring corporation), of substantially all of the properties  
11 of another corporation, but in determining whether the exchange  
12 is solely for stock the assumption by the acquiring corporation of  
13 a liability of the other, or the fact that property acquired is  
14 subject to a liability, shall be disregarded;

15 (iv) A transfer by a corporation of all or a part of its assets to  
16 another corporation if immediately after the transfer the  
17 transferor, or one or more of its shareholders (including persons  
18 who were shareholders immediately before the transfer), or any  
19 combination thereof, is in control of the corporation to which the  
20 assets are transferred;

21 (v) A recapitalization;

22 (vi) A mere change in identity, form, or place of organization  
23 however effected; or

24 (vii) The acquisition by one corporation, in exchange for stock  
25 of a corporation (referred to in this subclause as "controlling  
26 corporation") which is in control of the acquiring corporation, of  
27 substantially all of the properties of another corporation which in  
28 the transaction is merged into the acquiring corporation shall not  
29 disqualify a transaction under subclause (i) if such transaction  
30 would have qualified under subclause (i) if the merger had been  
31 into the controlling corporation, and no stock of the acquiring  
32 corporation is used in the transaction;

33 (viii) A transaction otherwise qualifying under subclause (i)  
34 shall not be disqualified by reason of the fact that stock of a  
35 corporation (referred to in this subclause as the "controlling  
36 corporation") which before the merger was in control of the  
37 merged corporation is used in the transaction, if after the  
38 transaction, the corporation surviving the merger holds  
39 substantially all of its properties and of the properties of the  
40 merged corporation (other than stock of the controlling  
41 corporation distributed in the transaction); and in the transaction,  
42 former shareholders of the surviving corporation exchanged, for  
43 an amount of voting stock of the controlling corporation, an  
44 amount of stock in the surviving corporation which constitutes  
45 control of such corporation.

46 For purposes of this clause, the term "control" means the  
47 ownership of stock possessing at least 80% of the total combined  
48 voting power of all classes of stock entitled to vote and at least  
49 80% of total number of shares of all other classes of stock of the

1 corporation.

2 For purposes of this clause, the term "a party to a  
3 reorganization" includes a corporation resulting from a  
4 reorganization, and both corporations, in the case of a  
5 reorganization resulting from the acquisition by one corporation  
6 of stock or properties of another. In the case of a reorganization  
7 qualifying under subclause (i) by reason of subclause (vii) the term  
8 "a party to a reorganization" includes the controlling corporation  
9 referred to in such subclause (vii).

10 Notwithstanding any provisions hereof, upon every such  
11 exchange or conversion, the taxpayer's basis for the stock or  
12 securities received shall be the same as the taxpayer's actual or  
13 attributed basis for the stock, securities or property surrendered  
14 in exchange therefor.

15 d. Net gains or net income derived from or in the form of  
16 rents, royalties, patents, and copyrights.

17 e. Interest, except interest referred to in clause (1) or (2) of  
18 N.J.S.54A:6-14, or distributions paid by a qualified investment  
19 fund as defined in section 2 of P.L.1987, c.310 (C.54A:6-14.1), to  
20 the extent provided in that section.

21 f. Dividends. "Dividends" means any distribution in cash or  
22 property made by a corporation, association or business trust, (1)  
23 out of accumulated earnings and profits, or (2) out of earnings  
24 and profits of the year in which such dividend is paid.

25 The term "dividends" shall not include distributions paid by a  
26 qualified investment fund as defined in section 2 of P.L.1987,  
27 c.310 (C.54A:6-14.1), to the extent provided in that section.

28 g. Gambling winnings.

29 h. Net gains or income derived through estates or trusts.

30 i. Income in respect of a decedent.

31 j. Amounts distributed or withdrawn from an employee trust  
32 attributable to contributions to the trust which were excluded  
33 from gross income under the provisions of chapter 6 of Title 54A  
34 of the New Jersey Statutes and pensions and annuities except to  
35 the extent of exclusions in section 54A:6-10 hereunder,  
36 notwithstanding the provisions of N.J.S.18A:66-51, P.L.1973,  
37 c.140, s.41 (C.43:6A-41), P.L.1954, c.84, s.53 (C.43:15A-53),  
38 P.L.1944, c.255, s.17 (C.43:16A-17), P.L.1965, c.89, s.45  
39 (C.53:5A-45), R.S.43:10-14, P.L.1943, c.160, s.22 (C.43:10-18.22),  
40 P.L.1948, c.310, s.22 (C.43:10-18.71), P.L.1954, c.218, s.32  
41 (C.43:13-22.34), P.L.1964, c.275, s.11 (C.43:13-22.60),  
42 R.S.43:10-57, P.L.1938, c.330, s.13 (C.43:10-105), R.S.43:13-44,  
43 and P.L.1943, c.189, s.5 (C.43:13-37.5).

44 k. Distributive share of partnership income.

45 l. Amounts received as prizes and awards, except as provided  
46 in sections 54A:6-8 and 54A:6-11 hereunder.

47 m. Rental value of a residence furnished by an employer or a  
48 rental allowance paid by an employer to provide a home.

49 n. Alimony and separate maintenance payments to the extent



1 that such payments are required to be made under a decree of  
2 divorce or separate maintenance but not including payments for  
3 support of minor children.

4 o. Income, gain or profit derived from acts or omissions  
5 defined as crimes or offenses under the laws of this State or any  
6 other jurisdiction.

7 (cf: P.L.1987, c.310, s.1)

8 2. Section 4 of P.L.1945, c.162 (C.54:10A-4) is amended to  
9 read as follows:

10 4. For the purposes of this act, unless the context requires a  
11 different meaning:

12 (a) "Commissioner" shall mean the Director of the Division of  
13 Taxation of the State Department of the Treasury.

14 (b) "Allocation factor" shall mean the proportionate part of a  
15 taxpayer's net worth or entire net income used to determine a  
16 measure of its tax under this act.

17 (c) "Corporation" shall mean any corporation, joint-stock  
18 company or association and any business conducted by a trustee  
19 or trustees wherein interest or ownership is evidenced by a  
20 certificate of interest or ownership or similar written instrument.

21 (d) "Net worth" shall mean the aggregate of the values  
22 disclosed by the books of the corporation for (1) issued and  
23 outstanding capital stock, (2) paid-in or capital surplus, (3) earned  
24 surplus and undivided profits, and (4) surplus reserves which can  
25 reasonably be expected to accrue to holders or owners of  
26 equitable shares, not including reasonable valuation reserves,  
27 such as reserves for depreciation or obsolescence or depletion.  
28 Notwithstanding the foregoing, net worth shall not include any  
29 deduction for the amount of the excess depreciation described in  
30 paragraph (2)(F) of subsection (k) of this section. The foregoing  
31 aggregate of values shall be reduced by 50% of the amount  
32 disclosed by the books of the corporation for investment in the  
33 capital stock of one or more subsidiaries, which investment is  
34 defined as ownership (1) of at least 80% of the total combined  
35 voting power of all classes of stock of the subsidiary entitled to  
36 vote and (2) of at least 80% of the total number of shares of all  
37 other classes of stock except nonvoting stock which is limited and  
38 preferred as to dividends. In the case of investment in an entity  
39 organized under the laws of a foreign country, the foregoing  
40 requisite degree of ownership shall effect a like reduction of such  
41 investment from net worth of the taxpayer, if the foreign entity  
42 is considered a corporation for any purpose under the United  
43 States federal income tax laws, such as (but not by way of sole  
44 examples) for the purpose of supplying deemed paid foreign tax  
45 credits or for the purpose of status as a controlled foreign  
46 corporation. In calculating the net worth of a taxpayer entitled  
47 to reduction for investment in subsidiaries, the amount of  
48 liabilities of the taxpayer shall be reduced by such proportion of  
49 the liabilities as corresponds to the ratio which the excluded

1 portion of the subsidiary values bears to the total assets of the  
2 taxpayer.

3 In the case of banking corporations which have international  
4 banking facilities as defined in subsection (n), the foregoing  
5 aggregate of values shall also be reduced by retained earnings of  
6 the international banking facility. Retained earnings means the  
7 earnings accumulated over the life of such facility and shall not  
8 include the pro rata share of dividends paid and federal income  
9 taxes paid or payable during the tax year.

10 If in the opinion of the commissioner, the corporation's books  
11 do not disclose fair valuations the commissioner may make a  
12 reasonable determination of the net worth which, in his opinion,  
13 would reflect the fair value of the assets, exclusive of subsidiary  
14 investments as defined aforesaid, carried on the books of the  
15 corporation, in accordance with sound accounting principles, and  
16 such determination shall be used as net worth for the purpose of  
17 this act.

18 (e) "Indebtedness owing directly or indirectly" shall include,  
19 without limitation thereto, all indebtedness owing to any  
20 stockholder or shareholder and to members of his immediate  
21 family where a stockholder and members of his immediate family  
22 together or in the aggregate own 10% or more of the aggregate  
23 outstanding shares of the taxpayer's capital stock of all classes.

24 (f) "Investment company" shall mean any corporation whose  
25 business during the period covered by its report consisted, to the  
26 extent of at least 90% thereof of holding, investing and  
27 reinvesting in stocks, bonds, notes, mortgages, debentures,  
28 patents, patent rights and other securities for its own account,  
29 but this shall not include any corporation which: (1) is a merchant  
30 or a dealer of stocks, bonds and other securities, regularly  
31 engaged in buying the same and selling the same to customers; or  
32 (2) had less than 90% of its average gross assets in New Jersey, at  
33 cost, invested in stocks, bonds, debentures, mortgages, notes,  
34 patents, patent rights or other securities or consisting of cash on  
35 deposit during the period covered by its report; or (3) is a banking  
36 corporation or a financial business corporation as defined in the  
37 Corporation Business Tax Act.

38 (g) "Regulated investment company" shall mean any  
39 corporation which for a period covered by its report, is registered  
40 and regulated under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (54  
41 Stat. 789), as amended.

42 (h) "Taxpayer" shall mean any corporation required to report  
43 or to pay taxes, interest or penalties under this act.

44 (i) "Fiscal year" shall mean an accounting period ending on any  
45 day other than the last day of December on the basis of which the  
46 taxpayer is required to report for federal income tax purposes.

47 (j) Except as herein provided, "privilege period" shall mean the  
48 calendar or fiscal accounting period for which a tax is payable  
49 under this act.

1 (k) "Entire net income" shall mean total net income from all  
2 sources, whether within or without the United States, and shall  
3 include the gain derived from the employment of capital or labor,  
4 or from both combined, as well as profit gained through a sale or  
5 conversion of capital assets. For the purpose of this act, the  
6 amount of a taxpayer's entire net income shall be deemed prima  
7 facie to be equal in amount to the taxable income, before net  
8 operating loss deduction and special deductions, which the  
9 taxpayer is required to report to the United States Treasury  
10 Department for the purpose of computing its federal income tax;  
11 provided, however, that in the determination of such entire net  
12 income, (1) Entire net income shall exclude for the periods set  
13 forth in paragraph (2)(F)(i) of this subsection, any amount, except  
14 with respect to qualified mass commuting vehicles as described in  
15 section 168(f)(8)(D) (v) of the Internal Revenue Code as in effect  
16 immediately prior to January 1, 1984, which is included in a  
17 taxpayer's federal taxable income solely as a result of an  
18 election made pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (8) of that  
19 section.

20 (2) Entire net income shall be determined without the  
21 exclusion, deduction or credit of:

22 (A) The amount of any specific exemption or credit allowed in  
23 any law of the United States imposing any tax on or measured by  
24 the income of corporations;

25 (B) Any part of any income from dividends or interest on any  
26 kind of stock, securities or indebtedness, except as provided in  
27 paragraph (5) of subsection (k) of this section;

28 (C) Taxes paid or accrued to the United States on or measured  
29 by profits or income, or the tax imposed by this act, or any tax  
30 paid or accrued with respect to subsidiary dividends excluded  
31 from entire net income as provided in paragraph (5) of subsection  
32 (k) of this section;

33 (D) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1985, c.143.)

34 (E) 90% of interest on indebtedness owing directly or  
35 indirectly to holders of 10% or more of the aggregate outstanding  
36 shares of the taxpayer's capital stock of all classes; except that  
37 such interest may, in any event, be deducted

38 (i) Up to an amount not exceeding \$1,000.00;

39 (ii) In full to the extent that it relates to bonds or other  
40 evidences of indebtedness issued, with stock, pursuant to a bona  
41 fide plan of reorganization, to persons, who, prior to such  
42 reorganization, were bona fide creditors of the corporation or its  
43 predecessors, but were not stockholders or shareholders thereof;

44 (iii) In full to the extent that it relates to debt of a financial  
45 business corporation owed to an affiliate corporation; provided  
46 that such interest rate does not exceed 2% over prime rate; the  
47 prime rate to be determined by the Commissioner of Banking;

48 (iv) In full to the extent that it relates to financing of motor  
49 vehicle inventory held for sale to customers; provided said

1 indebtedness is owed to a taxpayer customarily and routinely  
2 providing this type of financing;

3 (v) In full to the extent it relates to debt of a banking  
4 corporation to a bank holding company, of which the banking  
5 corporation is a subsidiary, or to a debt of a banking corporation  
6 to another banking corporation with respect to federal funds  
7 transactions governed by section 23A of the Federal Reserve Act  
8 (12 U.S.C. § 371c.) when both banking corporations are  
9 subsidiaries of the same bank holding company, as defined in 12  
10 U.S.C. § 1841.

11 (F)(i) The amount by which depreciation reported to the  
12 United States Treasury Department for property placed in service  
13 on and after January 1, 1981, for purposes of computing federal  
14 taxable income in accordance with section 168 of the Internal  
15 Revenue Code in effect after December 31, 1980, exceeds the  
16 amount of depreciation determined in accordance with the  
17 Internal Revenue Code provisions in effect prior to January 1,  
18 1981, but only with respect to a taxpayer's accounting period  
19 ending after December 31, 1981; provided, however, that where a  
20 taxpayer's accounting period begins in 1981 and ends in 1982, no  
21 modification shall be required with respect to this paragraph (F)  
22 for the report filed for such period with respect to property  
23 placed in service during that part of the accounting period which  
24 occurs in 1981.

25 (ii) For the periods set forth in subparagraph (F)(i) of this  
26 subsection, any amount, except with respect to qualified mass  
27 commuting vehicles as described in section 168(f)(8)(D) (v) of the  
28 Internal Revenue Code as in effect immediately prior to January  
29 1, 1984, which the taxpayer claimed as a deduction in computing  
30 federal income tax pursuant to a qualified lease agreement under  
31 paragraph (8) of that section.

32 The director shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary  
33 to carry out the provisions of this section, which rules shall  
34 provide, among others, the manner in which the remaining life of  
35 property shall be reported.

36 (G) (1) The amount of any civil, civil administrative, or  
37 criminal penalty or fine, including a penalty or fine under an  
38 administrative consent order, assessed and collected for a  
39 violation of a State or federal environmental law, an  
40 administrative consent order, or an environmental ordinance or  
41 resolution of a local governmental entity, and any interest earned  
42 on the penalty or fine, and any economic benefits having accrued  
43 to the violator as a result of a violation, which benefits are  
44 assessed and recovered in a civil, civil administrative, or criminal  
45 action, or pursuant to an administrative consent order. The  
46 provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to a penalty or fine  
47 assessed or collected for a violation of a State or federal  
48 environmental law, or local environmental ordinance or  
49 resolution, if the penalty or fine was for a violation that resulted

1 from fire, riot, sabotage, flood, storm event, natural cause, or  
2 other act of God beyond the reasonable control of the violator, or  
3 caused by an act or omission of a person who was outside the  
4 reasonable control of the violator.

5 (2) The amount of treble damages paid to the Department of  
6 Environmental Protection pursuant to subsection a. of section 7  
7 of P.L.1976, c.141 (C.58:10-23.11f) for costs incurred by the  
8 department in removing, or arranging for the removal of, an  
9 unauthorized discharge upon failure of the discharger to comply  
10 with a directive from the department to remove, or arrange for  
11 the removal of, the discharge.

12 (3) The commissioner may, whenever necessary to properly  
13 reflect the entire net income of any taxpayer, determine the year  
14 or period in which any item of income or deduction shall be  
15 included, without being limited to the method of accounting  
16 employed by the taxpayer.

17 (4) There shall be allowed as a deduction from entire net  
18 income of a banking corporation, to the extent not deductible in  
19 determining federal taxable income, the eligible net income of an  
20 international banking facility determined as follows:

21 (A) The eligible net income of an international banking facility  
22 shall be the amount remaining after subtracting from the eligible  
23 gross income the applicable expenses;

24 (B) Eligible gross income shall be the gross income derived by  
25 an international banking facility, which shall include, but not be  
26 limited to, gross income derived from:

27 (i) Making, arranging for, placing or carrying loans to foreign  
28 persons, provided, however, that in the case of a foreign person  
29 which is an individual, or which is a foreign branch of a domestic  
30 corporation (other than a bank), or which is a foreign corporation  
31 or foreign partnership which is controlled by one or more  
32 domestic corporations (other than banks), domestic partnerships  
33 or resident individuals, all the proceeds of the loan are for use  
34 outside of the United States;

35 (ii) Making or placing deposits with foreign persons which are  
36 banks or foreign branches of banks (including foreign subsidiaries)  
37 or foreign branches of the taxpayers or with other international  
38 banking facilities; or

39 (iii) Entering into foreign exchange trading or hedging  
40 transactions related to any of the transactions described in this  
41 paragraph;

42 (iv) Such other activities as an international banking facility  
43 may, from time to time, be authorized to engage in;

44 (C) Applicable expenses shall be any expense or other  
45 deductions attributable, directly or indirectly, to the eligible  
46 gross income described in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph.

47 (5) Entire net income shall exclude 100% of dividends which  
48 were included in computing such taxable income for federal  
49 income tax purposes, paid to the taxpayer by one or more

1 subsidiaries owned by the taxpayer to the extent of the 80% or  
2 more ownership of investment described in subsection (d) of this  
3 section. With respect to other dividends, entire net income shall  
4 not include 50% of the total included in computing such taxable  
5 income for federal income tax purposes.

6 (6)(A) Net operating loss deduction. There shall be allowed as a  
7 deduction for the taxable year the net operating loss carryover to  
8 that year.

9 (B) Net operating loss carryover. A net operating loss for any  
10 taxable year ending after June 30, 1984 shall be a net operating  
11 loss carryover to each of the seven years following the year of  
12 the loss. The entire amount of the net operating loss for any  
13 taxable year (the "loss year") shall be carried to the earliest of  
14 the taxable years to which the loss may be carried. The portion  
15 of the loss which shall be carried to each of the other taxable  
16 years shall be the excess, if any, of the amount of the loss over  
17 the sum of the entire net income, computed without the  
18 exclusions permitted in paragraphs (4) and (5) of this subsection  
19 or the net operating loss deduction provided by subparagraph (A)  
20 of this paragraph, for each of the prior taxable years to which the  
21 loss may be carried.

22 (C) Net operating loss. For purposes of this paragraph the term  
23 "net operating loss" means the excess of the deductions over the  
24 gross income used in computing entire net income without the net  
25 operating loss deduction provided for in subparagraph (A) of this  
26 paragraph and the exclusions in paragraphs (4) and (5) of this  
27 subsection.

28 (D) Change in ownership. Where there is a change in 50% or  
29 more of the ownership of a corporation because of redemption or  
30 sale of stock and the corporation changes the trade or business  
31 giving rise to the loss, no net operating loss sustained before the  
32 changes may be carried over to be deducted from income earned  
33 after such changes. In addition where the facts support the  
34 premise that the corporation was acquired under any  
35 circumstances for the primary purpose of the use of its net  
36 operating loss carryover, the director may disallow the carryover.

37 (l) "Real estate investment trust" shall mean any corporation,  
38 trust or association qualifying and electing to be taxed as a real  
39 estate investment trust under federal law.

40 (m) "Financial business corporation" shall mean any corporate  
41 enterprise which is (1) in substantial competition with the  
42 business of national banks and which (2) employs moneyed capital  
43 with the object of making profit by its use as money, through  
44 discounting and negotiating promissory notes, drafts, bills of  
45 exchange and other evidences of debt; buying and selling  
46 exchange; making of or dealing in secured or unsecured loans and  
47 discounts; dealing in securities and shares of corporate stock by  
48 purchasing and selling such securities and stock without recourse,  
49 solely upon the order and for the account of customers; or

1 investing and reinvesting in marketable obligations evidencing  
2 indebtedness of any person, copartnership, association or  
3 corporation in the form of bonds, notes or debentures commonly  
4 known as investment securities; or dealing in or underwriting  
5 obligations of the United States, any state or any political  
6 subdivision thereof, or of a corporate instrumentality of any of  
7 them. This shall include, without limitation of the foregoing,  
8 business commonly known as industrial banks, dealers in  
9 commercial paper and acceptances, sales finance, personal  
10 finance, small loan and mortgage financing businesses, as well as  
11 any other enterprise employing moneyed capital coming into  
12 competition with the business of national banks; provided that the  
13 holding of bonds, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness by  
14 individual persons not employed or engaged in the banking or  
15 investment business and representing merely personal  
16 investments not made in competition with the business of  
17 national banks, shall not be deemed financial business. Nor shall  
18 "financial business" include national banks, production credit  
19 associations organized under the Farm Credit Act of 1933 or the  
20 Farm Credit Act of 1971, Pub.L. 92-181 (12 U.S.C. § 2091 et  
21 seq.), stock and mutual insurance companies duly authorized to  
22 transact business in this State, security brokers or dealers or  
23 investment companies or bankers not employing moneyed capital  
24 coming into competition with the business of national banks, real  
25 estate investment trusts, or any of the following entities  
26 organized under the laws of this State: credit unions, savings  
27 banks, savings and loan and building and loan associations,  
28 pawnbrokers, and State banks and trust companies.

29 (n) "International banking facility" shall mean a set of asset  
30 and liability accounts segregated on the books and records of a  
31 depository institution, United States branch or agency of a  
32 foreign bank, or an Edge or Agreement Corporation that includes  
33 only international banking facility time deposits and international  
34 banking facility extensions of credit as such terms are defined in  
35 section 204.8(a)(2) and section 204.8(a)(3) of Regulation D of the  
36 board of governors of the Federal Reserve System, 12 CFR Part  
37 204, effective December 3, 1981. In the event that the United  
38 States enacts a law, or the board of governors of the Federal  
39 Reserve System adopts a regulation which amends the present  
40 definition of international banking facility or of such facilities'  
41 time deposits or extensions of credit, the Commissioner of  
42 Banking shall forthwith adopt regulations defining such terms in  
43 the same manner as such terms are set forth in the laws of the  
44 United States or the regulations of the board of governors of the  
45 Federal Reserve System. The regulations of the Commissioner of  
46 Banking shall thereafter provide the applicable definitions.

47 (cf: P.L.1989, c.59, s.1)

48 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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Eliminates certain tax deductible business expenses for violations of environmental laws, ordinances or resolutions.