

# 54A:9-25.29

## LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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**LAWS OF:** 2011                    **CHAPTER:** 117

**NJSA:** 54A:9-25.29 (Provides for voluntary contributions by taxpayers on gross income tax returns for New Jersey National Guard members and their families in need of assistance)

**BILL NO:** A2286 (Substituted for S2307)

**SPONSOR(S)** Johnson and others

**DATE INTRODUCED:** February 18, 2010

**COMMITTEE:**                    **ASSEMBLY:** Military and Veteran's Affairs  
Appropriations

**SENATE:** Military and Veteran's Affairs

**AMENDED DURING PASSAGE:** No

**DATE OF PASSAGE:**                    **ASSEMBLY:** March 14, 2011

**SENATE:** June 29, 2011

**DATE OF APPROVAL:** August 19, 2011

### FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

**FINAL TEXT OF BILL** (Introduced version of bill enacted)

**A2286**

**SPONSOR'S STATEMENT:** (Begins on page 2 of introduced bill) Yes

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:**                    **ASSEMBLY:** Yes                    Military  
Appropriations

**SENATE:** Yes

(Audio archived recordings of the committee meetings, corresponding to the date of the committee statement, *may possibly* be found at [www.njleg.state.nj.us](http://www.njleg.state.nj.us))

**FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT:** No

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE:** Yes

**S2307**

**SPONSOR'S STATEMENT:** (Begins on page 2 of introduced bill) Yes

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:**                    **ASSEMBLY:** No

**SENATE:** Yes                    Military  
Budget

**FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT:** No

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE:** Yes

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**VETO MESSAGE:** No

**GOVERNOR'S PRESS RELEASE ON SIGNING:** Yes

**FOLLOWING WERE PRINTED:**

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**REPORTS:** No

**HEARINGS:** No

**NEWSPAPER ARTICLES:** Yes

"Vet2Vet program given permanent funding under new N.J. law," Gloucester County Times, 8-20-11

"State to assist those who serve," Daily Record, 8-20-11

"Christie Oks bill in support of Guard," Courier-Post, 8-20-11

"Law lets N.J. residents aid guardsmen," Home News Tribune, 8-20-11

"State to assist those who serve," Asbury Park Press, 8-20-11

"Christie signs bill supporting services for Guardsmen," The Times, 8-20-11

"Christie signs two laws in support of N.J. National Guard," The Press, 8-20-11

"Lawmaker to lead veterans affairs unit," Courier-Post, 8-20-11

"Holt tires to prevent vet suicide," The Trentonian, 8-20-11

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P.L.2011, CHAPTER 117, *approved August 19, 2011*  
Assembly, No. 2286

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2 tax returns for New Jersey National Guard members and their  
3 families, supplementing chapter 9 of Title 54A of the New Jersey  
4 Statutes.

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10 special fund to be known as the "NJ National Guard State Family  
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14 taxpayer's tax refund or an enclosed contribution shall be deposited  
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16 c. Any costs incurred by the Division of Taxation for collection  
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19 of the Division of Budget and Accounting. The State Treasurer shall  
20 deposit net contributions collected pursuant to this act into the "NJ  
21 National Guard State Family Readiness Council Fund."

22 d. The Legislature shall annually appropriate all funds  
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# ASSEMBLY, No. 2286

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 214th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 18, 2010

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman GORDON M. JOHNSON**

**District 37 (Bergen)**

**Assemblyman CRAIG J. COUGHLIN**

**District 19 (Middlesex)**

**Assemblyman JACK CONNERS**

**District 7 (Burlington and Camden)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman Prieto, Assemblywoman Wagner, Assemblymen Schaer, Wilson, Chivukula, Senators Beach, Van Drew, Goodwin, A.R.Bucco, Greenstein, Oroho, Whelan, Addiego, Madden, Ruiz and Stack**

**SYNOPSIS**

Provides for voluntary contributions by taxpayers on gross income tax returns for New Jersey National Guard members and their families in need of assistance.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/30/2011)**

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ASSEMBLY MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 2286**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 16, 2010

The Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably Assembly, No. 2286.

This bill establishes the "NJ National Guard State Family Readiness Council Fund" and provides for a designation on the State gross income tax return that will permit taxpayers to make voluntary contributions to the fund.

This fund will provide for support to members of the NJ National Guard and their families. This support is intended to help members and their families cope during difficult times when a wage-earner has temporarily left civilian employment to be placed on active military duty. The council provides education, counseling and financial planning so the spouses of deployed Guard members have what they need to cope.

# ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### ASSEMBLY, No. 2286

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 20, 2011

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably on Assembly Bill No. 2286.

Assembly Bill No. 2286 establishes the "NJ National Guard State Family Readiness Council Fund" and provides for a designation on the State gross income tax return that will permit taxpayers to make voluntary contributions to the fund.

This fund will provide for support to members of the NJ National Guard and their families. This support is intended to help members and their families cope during difficult times when a wage-earner has temporarily left civilian employment to be placed on active military duty. The council provides education, counseling and financial planning so the spouses of deployed Guard members have what they need to cope.

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

According to the Division on Taxation, Department of Treasury, enactment of this bill will have no impact on the General Fund, except for a minimal administrative cost in the first year to implement the proposal. The division indicated that there was no way to determine how much would be contributed to a new fund nor any way to estimate what impact designations would have on the existing funds.



**FISCAL NOTE**  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 2286**  
**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**214th LEGISLATURE**

DATED: JANUARY 24, 2011

**SUMMARY**

**Synopsis:** Provides for voluntary contributions by taxpayers on gross income tax returns for New Jersey National Guard members and their families in need of assistance.

**Type of Impact:** No impact on State General Fund or Property Tax Relief Fund.

**Agencies Affected:** Division of Taxation, Department of the Treasury.

**Executive Estimate**

<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	<b><u>Year 1</u></b>	<b><u>Year 2</u></b>	<b><u>Year 3</u></b>
<b>State Cost</b>	Minimal administrative No impact – See comments below		
<b>State Revenue</b>	No impact – See comments below		

- The Office of Legislative Services **concurs** with the Executive estimate that there is no fiscal impact, except for a minimal administrative cost to implement the programs in the first year.
- Establishes the "NJ National Guard State Family Readiness Council Fund".
- Provides for voluntary contributions by designation on gross income tax returns.
- Taxpayers may make designations from refunds or enclose a contribution to the fund.

**BILL DESCRIPTION**

Assembly Bill No. 2286 of 2010 establishes the "NJ National Guard State Family Readiness Council Fund" and provides for a designation on the State gross income tax return that will permit taxpayers to make voluntary contributions to the fund.

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council provides education, counseling and financial planning so the spouses of deployed Guard members have what they need to cope.

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### *EXECUTIVE BRANCH*

According to the Division on Taxation, Department of Treasury, enactment of this bill will have no impact on the General Fund, except for a minimal administrative cost in the first year to implement the proposal. The division indicated that there was no way to determine how much would be contributed to a new fund nor any way to estimate what impact designations would have on the existing funds.

The division listed the amounts designated by checkoff and numerical designation to the thirteen charitable funds that have been included on tax forms through tax year 2008. Those amounts are as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Tax Year</u>		
	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008**</u>
Nongame Wildlife	\$210,980	\$226,418	\$193,620
Children's Trust	188,485	218,873	185,786
Vietnam Memorial	84,965	95,721	83,869
Breast Cancer	232,853	258,535	200,391
Battleship N.J.	58,575	65,664	60,833
Drug Abuse Ed.*	9,451	8,970	7,780
Korean Veterans*	8,451	7,772	6,432
Organ Donor*	12,568	10,792	9,981
New Jersey Aids*	15,993	15,639	10,900
Literacy Vol's.*	14,242	13,523	11,933
Prostate Cancer*	24,338	23,565	19,307
WTC Scholarship*	11,350	10,640	5,777
Vet's Haven*	-----	-----	11,412
<u>Total</u>	\$872,251	\$956,112	\$808,021

\* numerical designation

\*\* as of 09/03/2010

As of the date of this fiscal note, three additional numerical designations have been enacted and will be available on subsequent gross income tax returns.

***OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES***

The Office of Legislative Services concurs with the Executive estimate.

*Section: Revenue, Finance and Appropriations*  
*Analyst: Michael J. Basarab*  
*Senior Fiscal Analyst*  
*Approved: David J. Rosen*  
*Legislative Budget and Finance Officer*

This fiscal note has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).

# SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### ASSEMBLY, No. 2286

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 6, 2011

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2286.

This bill establishes the "NJ National Guard State Family Readiness Council Fund" and provides for a designation on the State gross income tax return that will permit taxpayers to make voluntary contributions to the fund.

This fund will provide for support to members of the NJ National Guard and their families. This support is intended to help members and their families cope during difficult times when a wage-earner has temporarily left civilian employment to be placed on active military duty. The council provides education, counseling and financial planning so the spouses of deployed Guard members have what they need to cope.

As reported, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 2307, as also reported by the committee.

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

In the Fiscal Note on this bill, the Office of Legislative Services (OLS) concurred with the Executive estimate that the bill will have no fiscal impact, except for a minimal administrative cost to implement the program in the first year. The Division of Taxation in the Department of the Treasury noted that there is no method to determine the amount that may be contributed to a new designated fund nor any way to estimate what impact new designations will have on the existing funds.

In the Fiscal Note the division listed the amounts designated by checkoff and numerical designation to the thirteen charitable funds that have been included on tax forms through tax year 2008. The OLS has obtained updated amounts from the division through tax year 2009. Those amounts are as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Tax Year</u>		
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Prostate Cancer*	23,781	19,464	18,913
WTC Scholarship*	10,815	5,788	5,037
Vet's Haven*	-----	11,412	9,684
Community Food Pantry*	-----	-----	-----
Cat and Dog Spay/Neuter*	-----	-----	-----
NJ Lung Cancer Research*	-----	-----	-----
Boys and Girls Clubs - NJ*	-----	-----	-----
<u>Total</u>	\$973,293	\$811,174	\$833,280

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\*\* as of 01/29/2011

As of this date, two additional numerical designations for Community Food Pantry and Cat and Dog Spay/Neuter were first available on the tax year 2010 return, a numerical designation for NJ Lung Cancer Research will first be available on the tax year 2011 return, and a numerical designation for Boys and Girls Clubs in NJ will first be available on the 2012 tax year return.

# SENATE, No. 2307

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 214th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED SEPTEMBER 23, 2010

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator JAMES BEACH**

**District 6 (Camden)**

**Senator JEFF VAN DREW**

**District 1 (Cape May, Atlantic and Cumberland)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Senators Goodwin, A.R.Bucco, Greenstein, Oroho, Whelan, Addiego,  
Madden, Ruiz and Stack**

**SYNOPSIS**

Provides for voluntary contributions by taxpayers on gross income tax returns for New Jersey National Guard members and their families in need of assistance.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/30/2011)**

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SENATE MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 2307**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: OCTOBER 14, 2010

The Senate Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably Senate, No. 2307.

This bill establishes the "NJ National Guard State Family Readiness Council Fund" and provides for a designation on the State gross income tax return that will permit taxpayers to make voluntary contributions to the fund.

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Senate, No. 2307 is identical to Assembly, No 2286 of 2010.



**FISCAL NOTE**  
**SENATE, No. 2307**  
**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**214th LEGISLATURE**

DATED: JANUARY 24, 2011

**SUMMARY**

- Synopsis:** Provides for voluntary contributions by taxpayers on gross income tax returns for New Jersey National Guard members and their families in need of assistance.
- Type of Impact:** No impact on State General Fund or Property Tax Relief Fund.
- Agencies Affected:** Division of Taxation, Department of the Treasury.

**Executive Estimate**

<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	<b><u>Year 1</u></b>	<b><u>Year 2</u></b>	<b><u>Year 3</u></b>
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**BILL DESCRIPTION**

Senate Bill No. 2307 of 2010 establishes the "NJ National Guard State Family Readiness Council Fund" and provides for a designation on the State gross income tax return that will permit taxpayers to make voluntary contributions to the fund.

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## FISCAL ANALYSIS

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The Office of Legislative Services concurs with the Executive estimate.

*Section: Revenue, Finance and Appropriations*

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# SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### SENATE, No. 2307

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 6, 2011

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