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LAW/RWH

P.L.2015, CHAPTER 26, *approved March 23, 2015*
Assembly, No. 2313 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT enabling the collection of voluntary contributions for New
2 Jersey ¹Nonprofit¹ Veterans ¹**[of Foreign Wars Posts]**
3 Organizations¹ through gross income tax returns, supplementing
4 Title 54A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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

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9 1. a. There is established in the Department of the Treasury a
10 special fund to be known as the “Fund for the Support of New
11 Jersey ¹Nonprofit¹ Veterans ¹**[of Foreign Wars Posts]**
12 Organizations¹.”

13 b. A taxpayer shall have the opportunity to indicate on the
14 taxpayer’s New Jersey gross income tax return that a portion of the
15 taxpayer’s tax refund or an enclosed contribution shall be deposited
16 in the Fund for the Support of New Jersey ¹Nonprofit¹ Veterans
17 ¹**[of Foreign Wars Posts** for the operation, maintenance, and repair
18 of New Jersey Veterans of Foreign Wars Posts] Organizations for
19 the annual distribution of grants to private nonprofit veteran
20 organizations for programs and services supporting New Jersey
21 veterans¹.

22 c. Any costs incurred by the Division of Taxation ¹or the
23 Department of Military and Veterans’ Affairs¹ for collection or
24 administration attributable to this section may be deducted from
25 receipts collected pursuant to this section, as determined by the
26 Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting in the
27 Department of the Treasury. The State Treasurer shall deposit the
28 net contributions collected pursuant to this section in the Fund for
29 the Support of New Jersey ¹Nonprofit¹ Veterans ¹**[of Foreign Wars**
30 **Posts]** Organizations¹.

31 d. The Legislature shall annually appropriate all monies
32 deposited in the Fund for the Support of New Jersey ¹Nonprofit¹
33 Veterans ¹**[of Foreign Wars Posts** to the Veterans of Foreign Wars
34 of the United States of America, Department of New Jersey for the
35 operation, maintenance, and repair of New Jersey Veterans of
36 Foreign Wars Posts] Organizations to the Department of Military
37 and Veterans’ Affairs for annual grants to be distributed to

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.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AMV committee amendments adopted June 12, 2014.

1 applicant private nonprofit veteran organizations for programs and
2 services supporting New Jersey veterans¹.

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4 2. This act shall take effect immediately and apply to taxable
5 years beginning on or after the January 1 following the date of
6 enactment.

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11 Enables collection of voluntary contributions for New Jersey
12 Nonprofit Veterans Organizations through gross income tax returns.

ASSEMBLY, No. 2313

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 6, 2014

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman WAYNE P. DEANGELO

District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex)

Assemblywoman ANNETTE QUIJANO

District 20 (Union)

Assemblyman BOB ANDRZEJCZAK

District 1 (Atlantic, Cape May and Cumberland)

Assemblyman GILBERT "WHIP" L. WILSON

District 5 (Camden and Gloucester)

SYNOPSIS

Enables the collection of voluntary contributions for New Jersey Veterans of Foreign Wars Posts through gross income tax returns.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/13/2014)

1 AN ACT enabling the collection of voluntary contributions for New
2 Jersey Veterans of Foreign Wars Posts through gross income tax
3 returns, supplementing Title 54A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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

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8 1. a. There is established in the Department of the Treasury a
9 special fund to be known as the “Fund for the Support of New
10 Jersey Veterans of Foreign Wars Posts.”

11 b. A taxpayer shall have the opportunity to indicate on the
12 taxpayer’s New Jersey gross income tax return that a portion of the
13 taxpayer’s tax refund or an enclosed contribution shall be deposited
14 in the Fund for the Support of New Jersey Veterans of Foreign
15 Wars Posts for the operation, maintenance, and repair of New
16 Jersey Veterans of Foreign Wars Posts.

17 c. Any costs incurred by the Division of Taxation for collection
18 or administration attributable to this section may be deducted from
19 receipts collected pursuant to this section, as determined by the
20 Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting in the
21 Department of the Treasury. The State Treasurer shall deposit the
22 net contributions collected pursuant to this section in the Fund for
23 the Support of New Jersey Veterans of Foreign Wars Posts.

24 d. The Legislature shall annually appropriate all monies
25 deposited in the Fund for the Support of New Jersey Veterans of
26 Foreign Wars Posts to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United
27 States of America, Department of New Jersey for the operation,
28 maintenance, and repair of New Jersey Veterans of Foreign Wars
29 Posts.

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31 2. This act shall take effect immediately and apply to taxable
32 years beginning on or after the January 1 following the date of
33 enactment.

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STATEMENT

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38 The bill enables the collection of voluntary contributions for
39 New Jersey Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Posts through gross
40 income tax returns. The purpose of this bill is to create an
41 additional funding source for the operation, maintenance, and repair
42 of New Jersey VFW Posts.

43 VFW Posts provide vital support services and social networks
44 for New Jersey’s honored veterans. However, VFW Posts do not
45 just support veterans. Stationed throughout the State, VFW Posts
46 engage in regular community service activities that range from
47 charitable fundraising to food drives.

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1 In the aftermath of the Great Recession and Hurricane Sandy
2 many VFW Posts are having difficulty maintaining full-scale
3 operations and making necessary repairs. This bill aims to ease that
4 difficulty by enabling the collection of voluntary contributions for
5 the operation, maintenance, and repair of New Jersey VFW Posts on
6 gross income tax returns.

7 To receive the gross income tax return contributions, the bill
8 establishes the Fund for the Support of New Jersey Veterans of
9 Foreign Wars Posts. The fund is scheduled to begin receiving
10 contributions for the first taxable year beginning after the date of
11 enactment. The bill directs that fund deposits are to be annually
12 appropriated to the Veterans of Foreign Wars United States of
13 America, Department of New Jersey for the operation, maintenance,
14 and repair of New Jersey VFW Posts.

ASSEMBLY MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 2313

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 12, 2014

The Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly, No. 2313.

As amended, this bill enables the collection of voluntary contributions for the Fund for the Support of New Jersey Nonprofit Veterans Organizations through gross income tax returns. The purpose of this bill is to create an annual grant program to assist private nonprofit veterans organizations in providing programs and services to support New Jersey veterans.

Veterans organizations, like the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, and the Marine Corps League, are experiencing greater difficulties raising funds since the recent economic downturn. This bill provides another avenue for concerned citizens to assist veterans.

As amended, Assembly Bill No. 2313 is identical to Senate Bill No. 1670 of 2014-2015.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amended the bill to enable the collection of voluntary contributions to a Fund for the Support of New Jersey Nonprofit Veterans Organizations instead of the New Jersey Veterans of Foreign Wars Posts, a specific veterans organization. This change would permit an annual grant program to assist more than one private nonprofit veterans organizations in providing programs and services to support New Jersey veterans. The organizations would have to apply to receive monies from the fund.

ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 2313

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 2, 2014

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2313 (1R).

This bill allows the collection of voluntary contributions for the Fund for the Support of New Jersey Nonprofit Veterans Organizations through gross income tax returns. The bill will fund an annual grant program to assist private nonprofit veterans organizations in providing programs and services to support New Jersey veterans.

Veterans organizations, like the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, and the Marine Corps League, are experiencing greater difficulties raising funds since the recent economic downturn. This bill provides another avenue for concerned citizens to assist veterans.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill was not certified as requiring a fiscal note.

SENATE, No. 1670

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MARCH 17, 2014

Sponsored by:

Senator JAMES BEACH

District 6 (Burlington and Camden)

Senator DIANE B. ALLEN

District 7 (Burlington)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senator Madden

SYNOPSIS

Enables collection of voluntary contributions for New Jersey Nonprofit Veterans Organizations through gross income tax returns.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/6/2015)

1 AN ACT enabling the collection of voluntary contributions for New
2 Jersey Nonprofit Veterans Organizations through gross income
3 tax returns, supplementing Title 54A of the New Jersey Statutes.
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*
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8 1. a. There is established in the Department of the Treasury a
9 special fund to be known as the “Fund for the Support of New
10 Jersey Nonprofit Veterans Organizations.”

11 b. A taxpayer shall have the opportunity to indicate on the
12 taxpayer’s New Jersey gross income tax return that a portion of the
13 taxpayer’s tax refund or an enclosed contribution shall be deposited
14 in the Fund for the Support of New Jersey Nonprofit Veterans
15 Organizations for the annual distribution of grants to private
16 nonprofit veteran organizations for programs and services
17 supporting New Jersey veterans.

18 c. Any costs incurred by the Division of Taxation or the
19 Department of Military and Veterans’ Affairs for collection or
20 administration attributable to this section may be deducted from
21 receipts collected pursuant to this section, as determined by the
22 Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting in the
23 Department of the Treasury. The State Treasurer shall deposit the
24 net contributions collected pursuant to this section in the Fund for
25 the Support of New Jersey Nonprofit Veterans Organizations.

26 d. The Legislature shall annually appropriate all monies
27 deposited in the Fund for the Support of New Jersey Nonprofit
28 Veterans Organizations to the Department of Military and Veterans’
29 Affairs for annual grants to be distributed to applicant private
30 nonprofit veteran organizations for programs and services
31 supporting New Jersey veterans.
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33 2. This act shall take effect immediately and apply to taxable
34 years beginning on or after the January 1 following the date of
35 enactment.
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38 STATEMENT
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41 Fund for the Support of New Jersey Nonprofit Veterans
42 Organizations through gross income tax returns. The purpose of this
43 bill is to create an annual grant program to assist private nonprofit
44 veterans organizations in providing programs and services to
45 support New Jersey veterans.

46 Veterans organizations like the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the
47 American Legion, and the Marine Corps League, are experiencing
48 greater difficulties raising funds since the recent economic

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- 1 downturn. This bill provides another avenue for concerned citizens
- 2 to assist veterans.

SENATE MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1670

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 19, 2014

The Senate Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1670.

This bill enables the collection of voluntary contributions for the Fund for the Support of New Jersey Nonprofit Veterans Organizations through gross income tax returns. The purpose of this bill is to create an annual grant program to assist private nonprofit veterans organizations in providing programs and services to support New Jersey veterans.

Veterans organizations like the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, and the Marine Corps League, are experiencing greater difficulties raising funds since the recent economic downturn. This bill provides another avenue for concerned citizens to assist veterans.

This bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 2313 (1R) of 2014-2015.