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## P.L. 2006, CHAPTER 38, *approved July 8*, 2006 Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly, No. 4706

**AN ACT** imposing a surcharge on liability and increasing the minimum tax under the corporation business tax, amending and supplementing P.L.1945, c.162.

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

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(New section). In addition to the franchise tax paid by each taxpayer determined pursuant to section 5 of P.L.1945, c.162 (C.54:10A-5), for privilege periods ending on or after July 1, 2006 but before July 1, 2009, each taxpayer shall be assessed and shall pay a surtax equal to 4% of the amount of the liability determined pursuant to section 5 of P.L.1945, c.162 (C.54:10A-5) remaining after application of any credits allowed against that liability other than credits for installment payments, estimated payments made with a request for an extension of time for filing a return, or overpayments from prior privilege periods. The surtax imposed under this section shall be due and payable in accordance with section 15 of P.L.1945, c.162 (C. 54:10A-15), and the surtax shall be administered pursuant to the provisions of P.L.1945, c.162 (C.54:10A-1 et seq.). Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the contrary, no credits shall be allowed against the surtax liability computed under this section except for credits for installment payments, estimated payments made with a request for an extension of time for filing a return, or overpayments from prior privilege periods.

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- 2. Section 5 of P.L.1945, c.162 (C.54:10A-5) is amended to read as follows:
- 5. The franchise tax to be annually assessed to and paid by each taxpayer shall be the greater of the amount computed pursuant to this section or the alternative minimum assessment computed pursuant to section 7 of P.L.2002, c.40 (C.54:10A-5a); provided however, that in the case of a taxpayer that is a New Jersey S corporation, an investment company, a professional corporation organized pursuant to P.L.1969, c. 232 (C.14A:17-1 et seq.) or a similar corporation for profit organized for the purpose of rendering professional services under the laws of another state, or a person operating on a cooperative basis under Part I of Subchapter T of the federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986, 26 U.S.C. s.1381 et seq., there shall be no alternative minimum assessment computed pursuant to section 7 of P.L.2002, c.40 (C.54:10A-5a).

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

The amount computed pursuant to this section shall be the sum of the amount computed under subsection (a) hereof, or in the alternative to the amount computed under subsection (a) hereof, the amount computed under subsection (f) hereof, and the amount computed under subsection (c) hereof:

(a) That portion of its entire net worth as may be allocable to this State as provided in section 6, multiplied by the following rates: 2 mills per dollar on the first \$100,000,000.00 of allocated net worth; 4/10 of a mill per dollar on the second \$100,000,000.00; 3/10 of a mill per dollar on the third \$100,000,000.00; and 2/10 of a mill per dollar on all amounts of allocated net worth in excess of \$300,000,000.00; provided, however, that with respect to reports covering accounting or privilege periods set forth below, the rate shall be that percentage of the rate set forth in this subsection for the appropriate year:

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- (b) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1968, c.250, s.2.)
- (c) (1) For a taxpayer that is not a New Jersey S corporation, 3 1/4% of its entire net income or such portion thereof as may be allocable to this State as provided in section 6 of P.L.1945, c.162 (C.54:10A-6) plus such portion thereof as is specifically assigned to this State as provided in section 5 of P.L.1993, c.173 (C.54:10A-6.1); provided, however, that with respect to reports covering accounting or privilege periods or parts thereof ending after December 31, 1967, the rate shall be 4 1/4%; and that with respect to reports covering accounting or privilege periods or parts thereof ending after December 31, 1971, the rate shall be 5 1/2%; and that with respect to reports covering accounting or privilege periods or parts thereof ending after December 31, 1974, the rate shall be 7 1/2%; and that with respect to reports covering privilege periods or parts thereof ending after December 31, 1979, the rate shall be 9%; provided however, that for a taxpayer that has entire net income of \$100,000 or less for a privilege period and is not a partnership the rate for that privilege period shall be 7 1/2% and provided further that for a taxpayer that has entire net income of \$50,000 or less for a privilege period and is not a partnership the rate for that privilege period shall be 6 1/2%.
  - (2) For a taxpayer that is a New Jersey S corporation:
- (i) for privilege periods ending on or before June 30, 1998 the rate determined by subtracting the maximum tax bracket rate

provided under N.J.S.54A:2-1 for the privilege period from the tax rate that would otherwise be applicable to the taxpayer's entire net income for the privilege period if the taxpayer were not an S corporation provided under paragraph (1) of this subsection for the privilege period; and

(ii) For a taxpayer that has entire net income in excess of \$100,000 for the privilege period, for privilege periods ending on or after July 1, 1998, but on or before June 30, 2001, the rate shall be 2%

for privilege periods ending on or after July 1, 2001, but on or before June 30, 2006, the rate shall be 1.33%,

for privilege periods ending on or after July 1, 2006, but on or before June 30, 2007, the rate shall be 0.67%, and

for privilege periods ending on or after July 1, 2007 there shall be no rate of tax imposed under this paragraph, and

- (iii) For a taxpayer that has entire net income of \$100,000 or less for privilege periods ending on or after July 1, 1998, but on or before June 30, 2001 the rate for that privilege period shall be 0.5%, and for privilege periods ending on or after July 1, 2001 there shall be no rate of tax imposed under this paragraph.
- (iv) The taxpayer's rate determined under subparagraph (i), (ii) or (iii) of this paragraph shall be multiplied by its entire net income that is not subject to federal income taxation or such portion thereof as may be allocable to this State pursuant to sections 6 through 10 of P.L.1945, c.162 (C.54:10A-6 through 54:10A-10) plus such portion thereof as is specifically assigned to this State as provided in section 5 of P.L.1993, c.173 (C.54:10A-6.1).
- (3) For a taxpayer that is a New Jersey S corporation, in addition to the amount, if any, determined under paragraph (2) of this subsection, the tax rate that would otherwise be applicable to the taxpayer's entire net income for the privilege period if the taxpayer were not an S corporation provided under paragraph (1) of this subsection for the privilege period multiplied by its entire net income that is subject to federal income taxation or such portion thereof as may be allocable to this State pursuant to sections 6 through 10 of P.L.1945, c.162 (C.54:10A-6 through 54:10A-10).
- (d) Provided, however, that the franchise tax to be annually assessed to and paid by any investment company or real estate investment trust, which has elected to report as such and has filed its return in the form and within the time provided in this act and the rules and regulations promulgated in connection therewith, shall, in the case of an investment company, be measured by 40% of its entire net income and 40% of its entire net worth, and in the case of a real estate investment trust, by 4% of its entire net income and 15% of its entire net worth, at the rates hereinbefore set forth for the computation of tax on net income and net worth, respectively, but in no case less than \$250, and further provided, however, that the franchise tax to be annually assessed to and paid by a regulated

investment company which for a period covered by its report satisfies the requirements of Chapter 1, Subchapter M, Part I, Section 852(a) of the federal Internal Revenue Code shall be \$250.

(e) The tax assessed to any taxpayer pursuant to this section shall not be less than \$25 in the case of a domestic corporation, \$50 in the case of a foreign corporation, or \$250 in the case of an investment company or regulated investment company. Provided however, that for privilege periods beginning in calendar year 1994 and thereafter the minimum taxes for taxpayers other than an investment company or a regulated investment company shall be as provided in the following schedule:

12	Period Beginning	Domestic	Foreign
13	In Calendar Year	Corporation	Corporation
14		Minimum Tax	Minimum Tax
15	1994	\$ 50	\$100
16	1995	\$100	\$200
17	1996	\$150	\$200
18	1997	\$200	\$200
19	1998	\$200	\$200
20	1999	\$200	\$200
21	2000	\$200	\$200
22	2001	\$210	\$210

and for calendar year 2002 [and thereafter] through 2005 the minimum tax for all taxpayers shall be \$500, and for calendar year 2006 and thereafter the minimum tax shall be based on the New Jersey gross receipts, as defined for the purposes of this section pursuant to section 7 of P.L.2002, c.40 (C.54:10A-5a), of the taxpayer pursuant to the following schedule;

29	New Jersey Gross Receipts:	Minimum Tax:
30	<u>Less than \$100,000</u>	<u>\$500</u>
31	\$100,000 or more but	
32	<u>less than \$250,000</u>	<u>\$750</u>
33	\$250,000 or more but	
34	<u>less than \$500,000</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>
35	\$500,000 or more but	
36	<u>less than \$1,000,000</u>	<u>\$1,500</u>
37	\$1,000,000 or more	<u>\$2,000</u>

provided however, that for a taxpayer that is a member of an affiliated group or a controlled group pursuant to section 1504 or 1563 of the federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986, 26 U.S.C. s.1504 or 1563, and whose group has total payroll of \$5,000,000 or more for the privilege period, the minimum tax shall be \$2,000 for the privilege period further that the director shall adjust the minimum tax amounts for privilege periods beginning in each fifth year following calendar year 2002 and each fifth year thereafter by multiplying the minimum tax for periods beginning in

- 2002 by an amount equal to one plus 75% of the increase, if any, in the annual average total producer price index for finished goods published by the federal Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, for the year preceding the determination year over such
  - index for calendar year 2001, which adjusted minimum tax amount shall be rounded to the next highest multiple of \$10].

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- (f) In lieu of the portion of the tax based on net worth and to be computed under subsection (a) of this section, any taxpayer, the value of whose total assets everywhere, less reasonable reserves for depreciation, as of the close of the period covered by its report, amounts to less than \$150,000, may elect to pay the tax shown in a
- (g) Provided however, that for privilege periods beginning on or after January 1, 2001 but before January 1, 2002 the franchise tax annually assessed to and paid by a taxpayer:

table which shall be promulgated by the director.

- (1) that is a limited liability company or foreign limited liability company classified as a partnership for federal income tax purposes shall be the amount determined pursuant to the provisions of section 3 of P.L.2001, c.136 (C.54:10A-15.6); or
- (2) that is a limited partnership or foreign limited partnership classified as a partnership for federal income tax purposes shall be the amount determined pursuant to the provisions of section 4 of P.L.2001, c.136 (C.54:10A-15.7).
- (h) Provided however, that for privilege periods beginning on or after January 1, 2002 the franchise tax annually assessed to and paid by a taxpayer that is a partnership shall be the amount determined pursuant to the provisions of section 12 of P.L.2002, c.40 (C.54:10A-15.11).
- (i) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection c. of this 29 30 section to the contrary, and notwithstanding the provisions of 31 subsection (B) of section 6 of P.L.1945, c.162 (C.54:10A-6) to the 32 contrary, the amount by which the exclusion of receipts from the 33 denominator of the sales fraction pursuant to subsection (B) of 34 section 6 of P.L.1945, c.162 (C.54:10A-6) increases the liability of 35 all of the members of an affiliated group or a controlled group 36 pursuant to section 1504 or 1563 of the federal Internal Revenue 37 Code of 1986, 26 U.S.C. s.1504 or 1563, over that liability 38 calculated without application of the exclusion for a privilege period shall not exceed \$5,000,000. If the exclusion of receipts 39 40 from the denominator of the sales fraction pursuant to subsection 41 (B) would otherwise increase the liability of all of the members of 42 an affiliated group or a controlled group by more than \$5,000,000 43 for a privilege period, then the amount of liability in excess of 44 \$5,000,000 due to the exclusion of receipts from the denominator shall be abated, and the abated liability shall be allocated among the 45 46 members of the affiliated group or the controlled group in 47 proportion to each member's increase in liability due to the 48 exclusion of such receipts; provided however, that the director may

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1	allow a single corporation within the affiliated group or controlled
2	group to act as the key corporation for the abatement, in such
3	manner as the director may prescribe.
4	(cf: P.L.2002 c.40, s.6).
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6	3. This act shall take effect immediately.
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11	Imposes 4% surcharge on liability and increases minimum tax
12	under corporation business tax.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 4706

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

# 212th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 26, 2006

**Sponsored by:** 

Assemblyman JOSEPH J. ROBERTS, JR.
District 5 (Camden and Gloucester)
Assemblywoman BONNIE WATSON COLEMAN
District 15 (Mercer)

#### **SYNOPSIS**

Imposes a 3.5% surcharge on corporation business tax liability.

#### **CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



#### A4706 ROBERTS, WATSON COLEMAN

1	AN ACT imposing a surcharge on corporation business tax liability.
2	supplementing P.L.1945, c.162 (C.5410A-1 et seq.).

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

privilege periods.

1. In addition to the franchise tax paid by each taxpayer determined pursuant to section 5 of P.L.1945, c.162 (C.54:10A-5), for privilege periods ending on or after July 1, 2006 but before July 1, 2009, each taxpayer shall be assessed and shall pay a surtax equal to 3.5% of the amount of the liability determined pursuant to section 5 of P.L.1945, c.162 (C.54:10A-5). The surtax imposed under this section shall be due and payable in accordance with section 15 of P.L.1945, c.162 (C. 54:10A-15), and the surtax shall be administered pursuant to the provisions of P.L.1945, c.162 (C.54:10A-1 et seq.). Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the contrary, no credits shall be allowed against the surtax liability computed under this section except for credits for installment payments, estimated payments made with a request for an extension of time for filing a return, or overpayments from prior

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

#### STATEMENT

This bill imposes a 3.5% surcharge on corporation business tax liability for corporation tax years ending in State fiscal years 2007, 2008 and 2009.

This bill imposes the surcharge on the liability of corporations, determined prior to the allowance of the various business incentive credits. This method of surcharge calculation, although differently calculated, parallels the result of the method that was used to determine the corporation business tax surtax in effect from 1987 to 1993.

The bill disallows the application of the various business incentive credits against the surtax, but allows application of credits for prepayment of tax liability.

#### ASSEMBLY BUDGET COMMITTEE

#### STATEMENT TO

## ASSEMBLY, No. 4706

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

**DATED: JUNE 28, 2006** 

The Assembly Budget Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4706.

Assembly Bill No. 4706 imposes a 3.5% surcharge on corporation business tax liability for corporation tax years ending in State fiscal years 2007, 2008 and 2009.

This bill imposes the surcharge on the liability of corporations, determined prior to the allowance of the various business incentive credits. This method of surcharge calculation, although differently calculated, parallels the result of the method that was used to determine the corporation business tax surtax in effect from 1987 to 1993.

The bill disallows the application of the various business incentive credits against the surtax, but allows application of credits for prepayment of tax liability.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**:

It has been estimated that the surtax, as calculated, will increase corporation business tax revenues by approximately \$95 million in State Fiscal Year 2006-2007.

#### ASSEMBLY BUDGET COMMITTEE

#### STATEMENT TO

# ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR ASSEMBLY, No. 4706

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

**DATED: JULY 7, 2006** 

The Assembly Budget Committee reports favorably an Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly Bill No. 4706.

This Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly Bill No. 4706, imposes a 4% surcharge on corporation business tax liability for corporation business tax years ending in State fiscal years 2007, 2008 and 2009.

The substitute imposes the surcharge on the liability of corporations, determined after the allowance of the various business incentive credits. The substitute disallows the application of the various business incentive credits against the surtax, but allows application of credits for prepayment of tax liability.

The substitute increases the corporation business tax minimum payment for taxpayers with New Jersey gross receipts of \$100,000 or more. Currently, the minimum corporation business tax is \$500 annually, except for corporations that are members of affiliated or controlled groups with total payrolls of \$5 million or more, whose minimum tax is \$2,000 annually. The substitute bases the new minimum tax on the New Jersey gross receipts of the taxpayer as follows:

New Jersey Gross Receipts:	Minimum Tax:	
Less than \$100,000	\$500	
\$100,000 or more but		
less than \$250,000	\$750	
\$250,000 or more but		
less than \$500,000	\$1,000	
\$500,000 or more but		
less than \$1,000,000	\$1,500	
\$1,000,000 or more	\$2,000	

The minimum tax of corporations that are members of affiliated or controlled groups with total payrolls of \$5 million or more will remain \$2,000 annually.

The substitute deletes a provision of current law that would otherwise have required another increase in the minimum tax in calendar year 2007.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**:

It has been estimated that the surcharge will increase corporation business tax revenues by approximately \$96 million in State Fiscal Year 2006-2007.

It has been estimated that the increase in the minimum tax will increase corporation business tax revenues by approximately \$25.5 million in State Fiscal Year 2006-2007.

# **SENATE, No. 1987**

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

# 212th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 26, 2006

Sponsored by: Senator BERNARD F. KENNY, JR. District 33 (Hudson)

#### **SYNOPSIS**

Imposes a 2.5% surcharge on corporation business tax liability.

#### **CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



#### **S1987** KENNY

1	AN ACT imposing a surcharge on corporation business tax liability,
2	supplementing P.L.1945, c.162 (C.5410A-1 et seq.).

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

1. In addition to the franchise tax paid by each taxpayer determined pursuant to section 5 of P.L.1945, c.162 (C.54:10A-5), for privilege periods ending on or after July 1, 2006 but before July 1, 2009, each taxpayer shall be assessed and shall pay a surtax equal to 2.5% of the amount of the liability determined pursuant to section 5 of P.L.1945, c.162 (C.54:10A-5). The surtax imposed under this section shall be due and payable in accordance with section 15 of P.L.1945, c.162 (C. 54:10A-15), and the surtax shall be administered pursuant to the provisions of P.L.1945, c.162 (C.54:10A-1 et seq.). Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the contrary, no credits shall be allowed against the surtax liability computed under this section except for credits for installment payments, estimated payments made with a request for an extension of time for filing a return, or overpayments from prior privilege periods.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

#### **STATEMENT**

This bill imposes a 2.5% surcharge on corporation business tax liability for corporation tax years ending in State fiscal years 2007, 2008 and 2009.

This bill imposes the surcharge on the liability of corporations, determined prior to the allowance of the various business incentive credits. This method of surcharge calculation, although differently calculated, parallels the result of the method that was used to determine the corporation business tax surtax in effect from 1987 to 1993.

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The bill disallows the application of the various business incentive credits against the surtax, but allows application of credits for prepayment of tax liability.

#### SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

#### STATEMENT TO

# SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE, No. 1987

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

**DATED: JULY 7, 2006** 

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably a Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1987.

The Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1987 imposes a 4% surcharge on corporation business tax liability for corporation business tax years ending in State fiscal years 2007, 2008 and 2009.

The substitute imposes the surcharge on the liability of corporations, determined after the allowance of the various business incentive credits. The substitute disallows the application of the various business incentive credits against the surtax, but allows application of credits for prepayment of tax liability.

The substitute increases the corporation business tax minimum payment for taxpayers with New Jersey gross receipts of \$100,000 or more. Currently, the minimum corporation business tax is \$500 annually, except for corporations that are members of affiliated or controlled groups with total payrolls of \$5 million or more, whose minimum tax is \$2,000 annually. The substitute bases the new minimum tax on the New Jersey gross receipts of the taxpayer as follows:

New Jersey Gross Receipts:	Minimum Tax:
Less than \$100,000	\$500
\$100,000 or more but	
less than \$250,000	\$750
\$250,000 or more but	
less than \$500,000	\$1,000
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less than \$1,000,000	\$1,500
\$1,000,000 or more	\$2,000

The minimum tax of corporations that are members of affiliated or controlled groups with total payrolls of \$5 million or more will remain \$2,000 annually.

The substitute deletes a provision of current law that would otherwise have required another increase in the minimum tax in calendar year 2007.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

It has been estimated that the 4% surcharge will increase corporation business tax revenues by approximately \$96 million in State Fiscal Year 2006-2007.

It has been estimated that the increase in the minimum tax will increase corporation business tax revenues by approximately \$25.5 million in State Fiscal Year 2006-2007.

#### SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

#### STATEMENT TO

## **SENATE, No. 1987**

with committee amendments

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 30, 2006

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 1987.

Senate Bill No. 1987, with committee amendments, imposes a 3.5% surcharge on corporation business tax liability for corporation tax years ending in State fiscal years 2007, 2008 and 2009.

This bill imposes the surcharge on the liability of corporations, determined prior to the allowance of the various business incentive credits. This method of surcharge calculation, although differently calculated, parallels the result of the method that was used to determine the corporation business tax surtax in effect from 1987 to 1993.

The bill disallows the application of the various business incentive credits against the surtax, but allows application of credits for prepayment of tax liability.

The committee amendments make this bill identical to Assembly Bill No. 4706.

#### **COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:**

The committee amendments increase the surcharge rate from 2.5% to 3.5%.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**:

It has been estimated that the surtax, as calculated, will increase corporation business tax revenues by approximately \$95 million in State Fiscal Year 2006-2007.