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Revenue Code)

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SPONSOR(S) Fisher and Others

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COMMITTEE: ASSEMBLY: Tourism and Gaming

SENATE: ---

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

Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: ASSEMBLY: Yes

SENATE: No

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FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

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Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: ASSEMBLY: No

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P.L. 2009, CHAPTER 288, *approved January 17*, *2010*Assembly, No. 3480

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- 8. The trust shall have power in particular to:
- solicit and accept gifts, legacies, bequests and endowments for any purpose which falls within that of the trust, and to maintain interest-bearing trust accounts for those purposes; and, unless otherwise specified by the person making such gift, legacy, bequest or endowment, the trustees may expend both principal and income of any such gift, bequest, legacy, or endowment in furtherance of the trust or invest it in whole or in part in securities which are legal for trust funds in the State of New Jersey;
 - b. acquire and hold real and personal property of historic, aesthetic or cultural significance, by gift, purchase, devise, bequest, or by any other means, and to preserve and administer such properties; and in the acquisition of such properties, to acquire property adjacent thereto deemed necessary for the proper use and administration of historic, aesthetic or cultural property;
 - c. apply all moneys, assets, property or other things of value it may receive as an incident to its operation to the general purpose of the trust;
 - d. cooperate with and assist, insofar as practicable, any agency of the State or any of its political subdivisions, and any private agency or person in furtherance of the purpose of the trust;
 - e. give any moneys or property held by the trust to the Secretary of State or the Commissioner of Environmental Protection on behalf of the State for purpose of administering, operating or maintaining the historic sites programs of the State of New Jersey;

34 [and]

- f. report annually to the Governor and the Legislature of the State of New Jersey its activities during the preceding year together with any recommendations or requests it deems appropriate to further the purpose of the trust. The annual report shall include a summary of the trust's use of the fee-collection authority provided by subsection h. of this section. The summary shall include the
- 41 <u>following information:</u>
 - (1) For conferences:

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Matter underlined thus is new matter.

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1 (a) a list of all conferences conducted during the preceding 2 year for which fees were collected pursuant to subsection h. of this 3 4 (b) the dollar amount of actual costs incurred by the trust in 5 connection with each conference listed in the summary; 6 (c) the dollar amount of fees collected pursuant to subsection 7 h. of this section for each conference listed in the summary; 8 (d) the dollar amount of funds deposited as excess into the 9 General Fund for each conference listed in the summary. 10 (2) For printed works: 11 (a) identification by author with title of each printed work 12 for which fees were collected pursuant to subsection h. of this 13 section; 14 (b) the actual cost of reprinting the printed work; 15 (c) the dollar amount of fees collected pursuant to subsection 16 h. of this section for reprinting of the printed work; (d) the dollar amount of funds deposited as excess into the 17 18 General Fund, for each printed work identified in the summary. 19 g. to apply for recognition as an organization that is exempt 20 from federal taxation, pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of the Internal 21 Revenue Code (26 U.S.C.s. 501(c)(3)), and to accept tax-deductable 22 gifts, legacies, bequests, and endowments as provided pursuant to 23 subsection a. of this section, and as allowed by the Internal Revenue 24 Code. This authorization shall be deemed retroactive to June 21, 25 1967; 26 h. to collect fees for: 27 (1) admittance to any conference, seminar, exhibition, 28 symposium, or similar meeting sponsored by the trust for the 29 purpose of promoting the preservation, improvement, restoration, 30 rehabilitation, or acquisition of historic properties in the State; 31 (2) distribution to any individual or entity of a book, treatise, 32 research study, monograph, or other printed work, CDRom, or DVD 33 that has been authored or commissioned by the trust for the purpose 34 of promoting the preservation, improvement, restoration, 35 rehabilitation, or acquisition of historic properties in the State. 36 i. to provide for the collection of fees under this section or by 37 contract; 38 j. fees collected pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection h. of 39 this section shall be credited to the account from which the costs of the conference are paid and shall be available to pay the costs 40 incurred by the trust in connection with its sponsorship of the 41 42 conference, or to reimburse the trust for those costs. In the event 43 that the total amount of fees collected exceeds the actual costs 44 incurred by the trust in connection with its sponsorship of a conference, the amount of such excess shall be deposited in the 45 46 General Fund as a miscellaneous receipt; 47 k. fees collected pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection h. of this section shall be credited to the account from which the costs of 48

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reimburse the trust for those costs. In the event the total amount of
fees collected exceeds the actual costs incurred by the trust to
reprint the printed work, the amount of such excess shall be
deposited in the General Fund as a miscellaneous receipt.

(cf: P.L.1999, c.152, s.46)

- 9 2. Section 9 of P.L.1967, c.124 (C.13:1B-15.116) is amended 10 to read as follows:
 - 9. The trust may not acquire, hold, receive or accept any moneys or other property, real or personal, tangible or intangible, which will result in the incurrence of any financial obligations on the part of the State of New Jersey which cannot be supported entirely from funds available in the trust without the express approval of the [Secretary of State] Commissioner of Community Affairs [or] and the Legislature.
- 18 (cf: P.L.1999, c.152, s.48)

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill amends the original legislation the created the New Jersey Historic Trust to authorize it to seek recognition as a charitable tax-exempt non-profit organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. If the Trust is awarded non-profit status, donors of personal and real property would receive the maximum federal tax deduction allowable under the United States Internal Revenue Code for donations of gifts, legacies, bequests, endowments, real property, and personal property. This benefit would apply to donations to the Trust made through the New Jersey Legacy Program and the Perpetual Easement Program.

This bill also amends current law to allow the Trust to charge and collect fees for admittance to any conference, seminar, exhibition, symposium, or other event sponsored by the Trust for the purpose of promoting the preservation, improvement, restoration, rehabilitation, or acquisition of historic properties in the State. The Trust would also be authorized to recover costs associated with the publication and distribution of any book, treatise, research study, monograph, or other printed work that has been authored or commissioned by the Trust for the purpose of promoting the preservation, improvement, restoration, rehabilitation, or acquisition of historic properties in the State. The fees would be used to offset the costs incurred by the Trust in connection with the sponsorship of the conference or costs

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associated with reproducing a printed work. Any surplus fees would be deposited in the Trust's general fund.

Finally, this legislation transfers the authority for approving the Trust's receipt or acceptance of any moneys or other property which will result in the incurrence of any financial obligations on the part of the State which cannot be supported entirely from funds available from either the Secretary of State or the Legislature to either the Commissioner of Community Affairs and the Legislature.

Permits New Jersey Historic Trust to charge fees for publications and access to seminars; permits Trust to become tax-exempt charitable organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ASSEMBLY, No. 3480

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

213th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED NOVEMBER 17, 2008

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman DOUGLAS H. FISHER
District 3 (Salem, Cumberland and Gloucester)
Assemblywoman MARCIA A. KARROW
District 23 (Warren and Hunterdon)
Assemblyman PAUL D. MORIARTY
District 4 (Camden and Gloucester)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblymen Gusciora, Diegnan, Senators Buono, Beck, Gordon and Baroni

SYNOPSIS

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CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/8/2010)

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- c. apply all moneys, assets, property or other things of value it may receive as an incident to its operation to the general purpose of the trust;
- d. cooperate with and assist, insofar as practicable, any agency of the State or any of its political subdivisions, and any private agency or person in furtherance of the purpose of the trust;
- e. give any moneys or property held by the trust to the Secretary of State or the Commissioner of Environmental Protection on behalf of the State for purpose of administering, operating or maintaining the historic sites programs of the State of New Jersey;

[and]

- f. report annually to the Governor and the Legislature of the State of New Jersey its activities during the preceding year together with any recommendations or requests it deems appropriate to further the purpose of the trust. The annual report shall include a summary of the trust's use of the fee-collection authority provided by subsection h. of this section. The summary shall include the following information:
- 42 (1) For conferences:
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 44 year for which fees were collected pursuant to subsection h. of this
 45 section;

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1 (b) the dollar amount of actual costs incurred by the trust in 2 connection with each conference listed in the summary; 3 (c) the dollar amount of fees collected pursuant to subsection 4 h. of this section for each conference listed in the summary; 5 (d) the dollar amount of funds deposited as excess into the 6 General Fund for each conference listed in the summary. 7 (2) For printed works: 8 (a) identification by author with title of each printed work 9 for which fees were collected pursuant to subsection h. of this 10 section; 11 (b) the actual cost of reprinting the printed work; (c) the dollar amount of fees collected pursuant to subsection 12 13 h. of this section for reprinting of the printed work; 14 (d) the dollar amount of funds deposited as excess into the 15 General Fund, for each printed work identified in the summary. 16 g. to apply for recognition as an organization that is exempt 17 from federal taxation, pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of the Internal 18 Revenue Code (26 U.S.C.s. 501(c)(3)), and to accept tax-deductable 19 gifts, legacies, bequests, and endowments as provided pursuant to 20 subsection a. of this section, and as allowed by the Internal Revenue 21 Code. This authorization shall be deemed retroactive to June 21, 22 1967; 23 h. to collect fees for: 24 (1) admittance to any conference, seminar, exhibition, 25 symposium, or similar meeting sponsored by the trust for the 26 purpose of promoting the preservation, improvement, restoration, 27 rehabilitation, or acquisition of historic properties in the State; 28 (2) distribution to any individual or entity of a book, treatise, 29 research study, monograph, or other printed work, CDRom, or DVD 30 that has been authored or commissioned by the trust for the purpose 31 of promoting the preservation, improvement, restoration, 32 rehabilitation, or acquisition of historic properties in the State. 33 i. to provide for the collection of fees under this section or by 34 contract; 35 j. fees collected pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection h. of 36 this section shall be credited to the account from which the costs of 37 the conference are paid and shall be available to pay the costs 38 incurred by the trust in connection with its sponsorship of the 39 conference, or to reimburse the trust for those costs. In the event 40 that the total amount of fees collected exceeds the actual costs 41 incurred by the trust in connection with its sponsorship of a 42 conference, the amount of such excess shall be deposited in the 43 General Fund as a miscellaneous receipt; 44 k. fees collected pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection h. of 45 this section shall be credited to the account from which the costs of 46 reprinting the printed work are paid, and shall be available to pay 47 the costs incurred by the trust to reprint the printed work, or to reimburse the trust for those costs. In the event the total amount of 48

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ASSEMBLY TOURISM AND GAMING COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3480

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 9, 2009

The Assembly Tourism and Gaming Committee reports favorably Assembly, No. 3480.

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This bill is identical to Senate, No. 2249.

SENATE, No. 2249

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

213th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED OCTOBER 16, 2008

Sponsored by: Senator BARBARA BUONO District 18 (Middlesex) Senator JENNIFER BECK District 12 (Mercer and Monmouth)

Co-Sponsored by: Senators Gordon and Baroni

SYNOPSIS

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SENATE WAGERING, TOURISM & HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2249

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 11, 2008

The Senate Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee reports favorably Senate No. 2249.

This bill amends the original legislation that created the New Jersey Historic Trust to authorize it to seek recognition as a charitable tax-exempt non-profit organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. If the Trust is awarded non-profit status, donors of personal and real property would receive the maximum federal tax deduction allowable under the United States Internal Revenue Code for donations of gifts, legacies, bequests, endowments, real property, and personal property. This benefit would apply to donations to the Trust made through the New Jersey Legacy Program and the Perpetual Easement Program.

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