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**SYNOPSIS**

Provides tax credits equal to cost of Jersey Fresh products purchased by breweries and wineries to be used in production of beer or wine.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1    **AN ACT** providing tax credits for certain purchases of Jersey Fresh  
2       products by owners and operators of breweries and wineries and  
3       supplementing P.L.1945, c.162 (C.54:10A-1 et seq.) and Title  
4       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.   A taxpayer that owns or operates a brewery or winery in  
10      the State shall be allowed a credit against the corporation business  
11      tax imposed pursuant to section 5 of P.L.1945, c.162 (C.54:10A-5)  
12      in an amount equal to the amount paid during the privilege period to  
13      purchase commodities from a Jersey Fresh Quality Grading  
14      Program licensee to be used in the production of beer or wine. The  
15      value of the credits allowed pursuant to this section shall not exceed  
16      \$10,000.

17      b.   To qualify for the tax credit allowed pursuant to subsection  
18      a. of this section, the taxpayer shall attach receipts for sales of the  
19      commodities purchased by the taxpayer during the privilege period,  
20      documentation from the Department of Agriculture verifying that  
21      the commodities were purchased from a Jersey Fresh Quality  
22      Grading Program licensee, and a signed affidavit stating that the  
23      commodities were purchased to be used in the production of beer or  
24      wine.

25      c.   The order of priority of the application of the credits allowed  
26      pursuant to this section and any other credits allowed by law shall  
27      be as prescribed by the director. The amount of the credits applied  
28      under this section against the corporation business tax liability of  
29      the taxpayer for a privilege period, together with any other credits  
30      allowed by law, shall not exceed 50 percent of the tax liability  
31      otherwise due and shall not reduce the tax liability to an amount  
32      less than the statutory minimum provided in subsection (e) of  
33      section 5 of P.L.1945, c.162 (C.54:10A-5). The amount of the  
34      credit allowable under this section which cannot be used to reduce  
35      the taxpayer's corporation business tax liability for the privilege  
36      period due to the limitations of this section may be carried forward  
37      and applied to the earliest available use within the 20 privilege  
38      periods immediately following the privilege period for which the  
39      credits are allowed.

40      d.   As used in this section:

41          "brewery" means a brewery operating under a brewery license  
42          pursuant to R.S.33:1-10.

43          "Jersey Fresh Quality Grading Program licensee" means any  
44          entity that has applied for and been granted approval by the  
45          Department of Agriculture to package commodities using a  
46          department-approved "Jersey Fresh" logo.

47          "winery" means a commercial farm where the owner or operator  
48          of the commercial farm has been issued and is operating in

1 compliance with a plenary winery license or farm winery license  
2 pursuant to R.S.33:1-10.

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4 2. a. A taxpayer that owns or operates a brewery or winery in  
5 the State shall be allowed a credit against the tax otherwise due  
6 under the "New Jersey Gross Income Tax Act," N.J.S.54A:1-1 et  
7 seq., in an amount equal to the amount paid during the taxable year  
8 to purchase commodities from a Jersey Fresh Quality Grading  
9 Program licensee to be used in the production of beer or wine. The  
10 value of the credits allowed pursuant to this section shall not exceed  
11 \$10,000.

12 b. To qualify for the tax credit allowed pursuant to subsection  
13 a. of this section, the taxpayer shall attach receipts for sales of the  
14 commodities purchased by the taxpayer during the taxable year,  
15 documentation from the Department of Agriculture verifying that  
16 the commodities were purchased from a Jersey Fresh Quality  
17 Grading Program licensee, and a signed affidavit stating that the  
18 commodities were purchased to be used in the production of beer or  
19 wine.

20 c. The order of priority of the application of the credit allowed  
21 pursuant to this section, and any other credits allowed against the  
22 tax imposed pursuant to N.J.S.54A:1-1 et seq. for a taxable year,  
23 shall be as prescribed by the director. The amount of the credit  
24 applied under this section against the New Jersey gross income tax  
25 imposed pursuant to N.J.S.54A:1-1 et seq. for a taxable year, when  
26 taken together with any other payments, credits, deductions, and  
27 adjustments allowed by law, shall not reduce a taxpayer's tax  
28 liability to an amount less than zero. The amount of the tax credit  
29 otherwise allowable under this section which cannot be applied for  
30 the taxable year due to the limitations of this section or other  
31 provisions of N.J.S.54A:1-1 et seq. may be carried forward, if  
32 necessary, to the five taxable years following the taxable year for  
33 which the tax credit was allowed.

34 d. (1) A business entity that is classified as a partnership for  
35 federal income tax purposes shall not be allowed a credit under this  
36 section directly, but the amount of credit of a taxpayer in respect of  
37 a distributive share of partnership income under the "New Jersey  
38 Gross Income Tax Act," N.J.S.54A:1-1 et seq., shall be determined  
39 by allocating to the taxpayer that proportion of the credit acquired  
40 by the partnership that is equal to the taxpayer's share, whether or  
41 not distributed, of the total distributive income or gain of the  
42 partnership for its taxable year ending within or with the taxpayer's  
43 taxable year.

44 (2) A New Jersey S Corporation shall not be allowed a credit  
45 under this section directly, but the amount of the tax credit of a  
46 taxpayer in respect of a pro rata share of S Corporation income,  
47 shall be determined by allocating to the taxpayer that proportion of  
48 the tax credit acquired by the New Jersey S Corporation that is

1 equal to the taxpayer's share, whether or not distributed, of the total  
2 pro rata share of S Corporation income of the New Jersey S  
3 Corporation for its privilege period ending within or with the  
4 taxpayer's taxable year.

5 e. As used in this section:

6 "brewery" means a brewery operating under a brewery license  
7 pursuant to R.S.33:1-10.

8 "Jersey Fresh Quality Grading Program licensee" means any  
9 entity that has applied for and been granted approval by the  
10 Department of Agriculture to package commodities using a  
11 department-approved "Jersey Fresh" logo.

12 "winery" means a commercial farm where the owner or operator  
13 of the commercial farm has been issued and is operating in  
14 compliance with a plenary winery license or farm winery license  
15 pursuant to R.S.33:1-10.

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17 3. The Director of the Division of Taxation in the Department  
18 of the Treasury shall adopt rules and regulations pursuant to the  
19 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et  
20 seq.) as the director may deem necessary to effectuate sections 1  
21 and 2 of this act.

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23 4. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to  
24 taxable years beginning on or after January 1 following enactment.

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# STATEMENT

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29 This bill provides tax credits to the owners and operators of  
30 breweries and wineries for purchases of Jersey Fresh products equal  
31 to the full price of commodities purchased from a Jersey Fresh  
32 Quality Grading Program licensee to be used in the production of  
33 beer or wine. The value of the credits allowed under the bill would  
34 not exceed \$10,000. To qualify for the credits, the taxpayer would  
35 be required to attach receipts for sales of the commodities  
36 purchased by the taxpayer during the tax year or tax period,  
37 documentation from the Department of Agriculture verifying that  
38 the commodities were purchased from a Jersey Fresh Quality  
39 Grading Program licensee, and a signed affidavit stating that the  
40 commodities were purchased for business use.