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SYNOPSIS

Authorizes certain municipalities to impose a tax on the storage of empty shipping containers to fund redevelopment plan activities.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 AN ACT authorizing certain municipalities to impose a tax on the
2 storage of empty shipping containers to fund redevelopment plan
3 activities and supplementing P.L.1970, c.326 (C.40:48C-1 et
4 seq.).

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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 municipality having a population greater than 150,000
10 persons, according to the latest federal decennial census, may, by
11 ordinance, impose a tax on empty ISO shipping containers stored
12 within the municipality, at the rates, and in the manner, provided in
13 this section:

14 The rates imposed under an ordinance adopted pursuant to this
15 section, which shall be applied to each Twenty-foot equivalent unit
16 (TEU) as is kept in storage, shall be:

<u>Storage period</u>	<u>Maximum tax per TEU per day of storage</u>
19 From day 1 through day 30	\$0.00
20 From day 31 through day 60	\$0.25
21 From day 61 through day 90	\$0.50
22 In excess of 90 days	\$0.75

23 b. As used in this section:

24 "ISO shipping container" or "ISO container" means any
25 standardized shipping container constructed in accordance with the
26 standard sizes promulgated by the International Standards
27 Organization for use in intermodal transportation of goods by ship,
28 rail or truck, which shall include but shall not be limited to
29 containers that are 20 feet in length and 8 feet in width, 40 feet in
30 length and 8 feet in width, 45 feet in length and 8 feet in width, 48
31 feet in length and 8 feet in width, and 53 feet in length and 8 feet in
32 width.

33 "TEU" or "Twenty-foot equivalent unit" means a measure of
34 capacity of ISO shipping containers used to approximate the
35 comparable size of the various types of ISO containers. For the
36 purposes of this act, the TEU measure for any ISO container shall
37 be the result of dividing the base area measured in feet of any ISO
38 container, determined by multiplying its external length by its
39 external width, by the number 160.

40 c. All local ISO container taxes collected by a municipality
41 pursuant to P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as
42 this bill) shall be remitted to the chief financial officer of the
43 municipality, who shall deposit those tax revenues in a trust account
44 established by the municipality and dedicated exclusively to the
45 purpose of funding activities set forth in one or more redevelopment
46 plans adopted by the municipality pursuant to section 7 of
47 P.L.1992, c.79 (C.40A:12A-7).

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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6 This bill would supplement the “Local Tax Authorization Act,”
7 P.L.1970, c.326 (C.40:48C-1 et seq.) to authorize certain
8 municipalities to impose a tax on empty ISO shipping containers
9 stored within their borders.

10 The bill would authorize a municipality having a population
11 greater than 150,000 persons, according to the latest federal
12 decennial census, by ordinance, to impose a tax on empty ISO
13 shipping containers stored in the municipality. The bill would
14 require that all local ISO container taxes collected by a municipality
15 must be deposited into a trust account established by the
16 municipality and dedicated exclusively to the purpose of funding
17 activities set forth in one or more redevelopment plans adopted by
18 the municipality pursuant to section 7 of P.L.1992, c.79
19 (C.40A:12A-7).

20 The bill sets the following rates to be imposed by a municipality
21 that enacts an ordinance imposing the tax, which are to be applied
22 to each twenty-foot equivalent unit (TEU) as is kept in storage:

<u>Storage period</u>	<u>Maximum tax per TEU per day of storage</u>
25 From day 1 through day 30	\$0.00
26 From day 31 through day 60	\$0.25
27 From day 61 through day 90	\$0.50
28 In excess of 90 days	\$0.75

29 The bill defines “ISO shipping containers” as any standardized
30 shipping container constructed in accordance with the standard
31 sizes promulgated by the International Standards Organization for
32 use in intermodal transportation of goods by ship, rail or truck,
33 which shall include but shall not be limited to containers that are 20
34 feet in length and 8 feet in width, 40 feet in length and 8 feet in
35 width, 45 feet in length and 8 feet in width, 48 feet in length and 8
36 feet in width, and 53 feet in length and 8 feet in width. The bill
37 defines "Twenty-foot equivalent unit" as a measure of the capacity
38 of ISO shipping containers used to approximate the comparable size
39 of the various types of ISO containers. The bill defines the
40 calculation of the TEU measure for any ISO container as the result
41 of dividing the base area measured in feet of any ISO container,
42 determined by multiplying its external length by its external width,
43 by the number 160.