

# SENATE, No. 303

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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**Sponsored by:**

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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:

17 <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.