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CHIAPPONE/RAMOS/EVANS
BILL CREATING NJ COLON CANCER EDUCATION FUND
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(TRENTON) – Legislation sponsored by Assembly members Anthony Chiappone, Ruben J. Ramos, Jr. and Elease Evans to establish the “New Jersey Colon Cancer Education Fund” was approved today by the Assembly.

The legislation (A-2519) would allow taxpayers to voluntarily contribute to the fund through a check-off on state corporate and personal income tax returns.

“Setting up an educational fund to help pay for the research and study of this tragic disease will hopefully lead to a cure so no future New Jersey family is forced to deal with this terrible diagnosis,” said Chiappone (D-Hudson).

The American Cancer Society estimates 4,600 new diagnoses of colorectal cancer were made in New Jersey last year, making it the fourth-most-common form of cancer statewide. Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in the country but is 90 percent treatable if diagnosed early.

“Education, prevention and early detection are key factors in controlling this cancer,” said Ramos (D-Hudson). “If caught early, patients can often beat back this disease.”

“Giving people an opportunity to engage in the fight against colon cancer directly through their income tax returns will greatly increase the resources available for desperately needed and potentially life-saving research,” said Evans (D-Passaic). “Every dollar donated will get us closer to a cure.”

The bill now goes to the Senate for further consideration.

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