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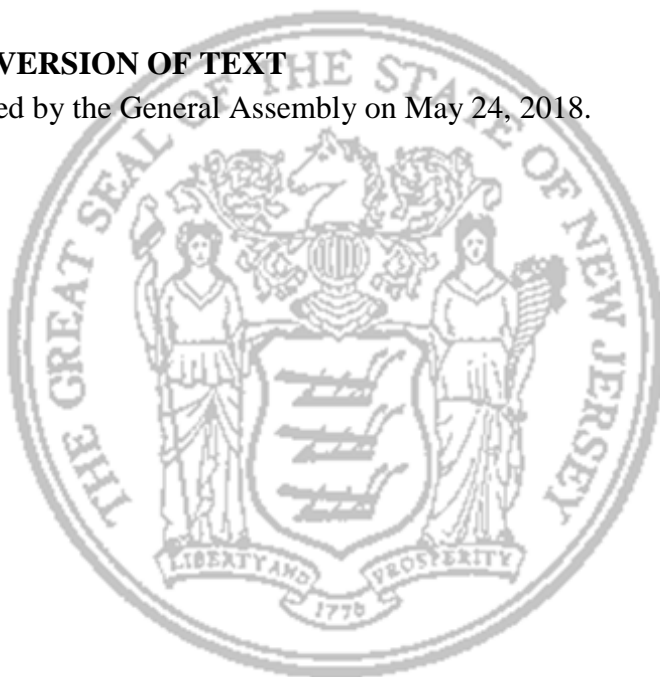
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SYNOPSIS

Authorizes special Combat Action Badge license plate program.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As amended by the General Assembly on May 24, 2018.



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1 AN ACT concerning Combat Action Badge license plates and
2 supplementing Title 39 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. a. Upon proper application, the Chief Administrator of the
8 New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall issue Combat Action
9 Badge license plates for any motor vehicle owned or leased and
10 registered in this State. In addition to the registration number and
11 other markings or identification otherwise prescribed by law, the
12 license plate shall display the words, "Combat Action Badge" and
13 depict the Combat Action Badge emblem. The chief administrator,
14 in consultation with the Adjutant General of the New Jersey
15 Department of Military and ¹**["Veterans"]** Veterans¹ Affairs, shall
16 select the design of the Combat Action Badge license plates. The
17 Combat Action Badge license plates shall be subject to the
18 provisions of chapter 3 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes, except as
19 hereinafter otherwise specifically provided.

20 b. Application for issuance of ¹**["a"]** Combat Action Badge
21 license ¹**["plate"]** plates¹ shall be made to the chief administrator on
22 forms and in a manner prescribed by the chief administrator. The
23 application shall include proof satisfactory to the chief
24 administrator that the applicant is a holder of the Combat Action
25 Badge as certified on the applicant's DD-214 form or on a
26 Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty. In order to
27 be deemed complete, an application shall be accompanied by a fee
28 of \$50, payable to the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission,
29 which shall be in addition to the fee otherwise prescribed by law for
30 the registration of motor vehicles. The chief administrator shall
31 collect annually, subsequent to the year of issuance of the Combat
32 Action Badge license plate, a \$10 fee for the license plate in
33 addition to the fee otherwise prescribed by law for the registration
34 of a motor vehicle. The additional fees required by this subsection
35 shall be deposited in the "Combat Action Badge License Plate
36 Fund" created pursuant to subsection c. of this section.

37 c. There is created in the Department of ¹the¹ Treasury a
38 special non-lapsing fund to be known as the "Combat Action Badge
39 License Plate Fund." There shall be deposited in the fund the
40 amount collected from all license plate fees collected pursuant to
41 subsection b. of this section, less the amounts necessary to
42 reimburse the commission for administrative costs pursuant to
43 subsection d. of this section. Monies deposited in the fund shall be
44 appropriated annually to the New Jersey Department of Military

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **["thus"]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly floor amendments adopted May 24, 2018.

1 and ¹**【Veterans】** Veterans¹ Affairs and shall be used to support
2 programs benefiting combat veterans. Monies deposited in the fund
3 shall be held in interest-bearing accounts in public depositories as
4 defined pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1970, c.236 (C.17:9-41), and
5 may be invested or reinvested in securities approved by the State
6 Treasurer. Interest or other income earned on monies deposited into
7 the fund, and any monies which may be appropriated or otherwise
8 become available for the purposes of the fund, shall be credited to
9 and deposited in the fund for use as set forth in P.L. ,
10 c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

11 d. Prior to the deposit of the additional fees collected pursuant
12 to subsection b. of this section into the "Combat Action Badge
13 License Plate Fund," amounts thereof as are necessary shall be used
14 to reimburse the commission for all costs reasonably and actually
15 incurred, as stipulated by the chief administrator, for:

16 (1) producing, issuing, renewing, and publicizing the
17 availability of the Combat Action Badge license plates; and

18 (2) any computer programming changes that may be initially
19 necessary to implement the Combat Action Badge license plate
20 program established by P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
21 Legislature as this bill), in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

22 The chief administrator shall annually certify to the State
23 Treasurer the average cost per license plate incurred in the
24 immediately preceding year by the commission in producing,
25 issuing, renewing, and publicizing the availability of the Combat
26 Action Badge license plates. The annual certification of the average
27 cost per license plate shall be approved by the Joint Budget
28 Oversight Committee, or its successor.

29 In the event that the average cost per license plate as certified by
30 the chief administrator and approved by the Joint Budget Oversight
31 Committee, or its successor, is greater than the \$50 application fee
32 established in subsection b. of this section in two consecutive fiscal
33 years, the chief administrator may discontinue the issuance of
34 Combat Action Badge license plates.

35 e. The chief administrator shall notify eligible motorists of the
36 opportunity to obtain Combat Action Badge license plates by
37 publicizing the availability of the license plates on the website of
38 the commission. The New Jersey Department of Military and
39 ¹**【Veterans】** Veterans¹ Affairs, and any other individual or entity
40 designated by the department, may publicize the availability of the
41 Combat Action Badge license plates in any manner that the
42 department deems appropriate.

43 f. The chief administrator and adjutant general shall develop
44 and enter into an ¹**【inter-departmental】** interdepartmental¹
45 memorandum of agreement setting forth the procedures to be
46 followed in carrying out their respective responsibilities under
47 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

48 g. The adjutant general shall appoint a representative who shall

1 act as a liaison between the ¹**【department】** New Jersey Department
2 of Military and Veterans' Affairs¹ and the commission. The liaison
3 shall represent the department in any and all communications with
4 the commission regarding the Combat Action Badge license plates
5 established by P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
6 Legislature as this bill).

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8 2. a. No State or public funds shall be used by the commission
9 for the initial cost of:

10 (1) producing, issuing, and publicizing the availability of
11 Combat Action Badge license plates; or

12 (2) any computer programming changes which may be
13 necessary to implement the Combat Action Badge license plate
14 program established by P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
15 Legislature as this bill).

16 b. ¹**【The New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans**
17 **Affairs, or other】** An¹ individual or entity designated by the
18 ¹**【department】** New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans'
19 Affairs¹, shall contribute non-public monies in an amount to be
20 determined by the chief administrator, not to exceed a total of
21 \$25,000, to be used to offset the initial costs incurred by the
22 commission for producing, issuing, and publicizing the availability
23 of Combat Action Badge license plates, and any computer
24 programming changes¹ which may be necessary to implement the
25 program. Concerned organizations and individual donors may
26 contribute monies to the department to be used to offset the initial
27 costs incurred by the commission for the Combat Action Badge
28 license plates authorized by P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before
29 the Legislature as this bill). Any amount remaining after the
30 payment of the initial cost shall be deposited in the "Combat Action
31 Badge License Plate Fund" established pursuant to subsection c. of
32 section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature
33 as this bill).

34 c. The commission shall not begin designing, producing,
35 issuing, or publicizing the availability of the Combat Action Badge
36 license plates, or making any necessary computer programming
37 changes^{1,1} until the ¹**【department has provided the commission**
38 **with the money necessary, as determined by the chief administrator**
39 **pursuant to subsection b. of this section, to offset the initial costs**
40 **incurred by the commission in establishing the Combat Action**
41 **Badge license plate program】** following requirements have been
42 met:

43 (1) The individual or entity designated by the department has
44 provided the commission with the money necessary, as determined
45 by the chief administrator pursuant to subsection b. of this section,
46 to offset the initial costs incurred by the commission in establishing
47 the Combat Action Badge license plate program; and

1 (2) The liaison appointed by the adjutant general pursuant to
2 subsection g. of section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before
3 the Legislature as this bill) has provided the commission with not
4 less than 500 completed applications for Combat Action Badge
5 license plates. These applications shall constitute the initial order
6 for Combat Action Badge license plates and shall be accompanied
7 by a fee representing the total cost of the initial order. The fee shall
8 be determined by multiplying the number of sets of license plates
9 being ordered by the applicable initial fee for each set of license
10 plates as set forth in subsection b. of section 1 of P.L. ,
11 c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)¹.

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13 3. This act shall take effect immediately, but shall remain
14 inoperative until the first day of the ¹**【seventh】** 13th¹ month
15 following the date on which the ¹**【condition】** conditions¹ set forth
16 in subsection c. of section 2 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending
17 before the Legislature as this bill) ¹**【has】** have¹ been satisfied. The
18 chief administrator may take such anticipatory acts in advance of
19 that date as may be necessary for the timely implementation of
20 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).
21 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)
22 shall expire if the ¹**【condition】** conditions¹ set forth in subsection c.
23 of section 2 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
24 Legislature as this bill) ¹**【is】** are¹ not satisfied by the last day of the
25 12th month following enactment.