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SYNOPSIS

Exempts certain motor vehicles that are owned by certain senior nutrition programs from motor vehicle registration fees.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 AN ACT concerning the registration fee for certain motor vehicles
2 and amending R.S.39:3-27.

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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. R.S.39:3-27 is amended to read as follows:

8 39:3-27. A fee shall not be charged for the registration of motor
9 vehicles not used for pleasure or hire, owned by the United States,
10 the State of New Jersey, a municipality, county, the Regional Air
11 Pollution Control Agency, the Passaic Valley Sewerage
12 Commissioners, the North Jersey District Water Supply
13 Commission, a county improvement authority created under the
14 "county improvement authorities law," P.L.1960, c.183 (C.40:37A-
15 44 et seq.), a local school district, a regional school district, a
16 county vocational or technical school, a duly authorized volunteer
17 fire department, a duly authorized volunteer first aid, rescue or
18 emergency squad, any duly recognized auxiliary or reserve police
19 organization of any municipality, hospital, humane society, and
20 anticruelty society in this State, the New Jersey wing of the Civil
21 Air Patrol incorporated by the Act of July 1946 (Public Law 476-
22 79th Congress), the American Red Cross, chartered local councils
23 in New Jersey of the Boy Scouts of America or the Girl Scouts of
24 the United States of America, chartered local councils in New
25 Jersey of the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, or chartered local
26 organizations of the Police Athletic League, any nonprofit
27 organization in this State that provides transportation services
28 exclusively to persons with developmental disabilities, a local
29 nutrition program for seniors that is a Meals on Wheels America
30 member, or for the registration of ambulances owned by any
31 nonprofit organization. These vehicles shall be registered and
32 display number plates as provided in this Title or the chief
33 administrator may, in the chief administrator's discretion, issue
34 special registration certificates and special number plates for any of
35 these motor vehicles which shall be valid for such motor vehicle for
36 a period fixed by the chief administrator which may correspond
37 with the inspection expiration date applicable to such vehicles,
38 which date shall not be later than 26 months after the date of
39 issuance of such certificates. Upon the expiration or nonrenewal of
40 any special registration the registration certificate and special
41 number marker shall be returned to the chief administrator;
42 provided, however, upon proper application to the chief
43 administrator the special registration and special number marker
44 may be transferred to another motor vehicle acquired by the owner
45 to whom the special registration and marker were issued.

46 (cf: P.L.2017, c.329, s.1)

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.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately

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STATEMENT

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6 This bill exempts, from motor vehicle registration fees, motor
7 vehicles not used for pleasure or for hire that are owned by any
8 local nutrition program for seniors that is a Meals on Wheels
9 America member.

10 Meals on Wheels America focuses on caring for individuals
11 whose diminished mobility makes it difficult to shop for food,
12 prepare meals, or socialize with others. Through member programs
13 in communities throughout New Jersey, Meals on Wheels America
14 provides seniors with nutritious meals and companionship and
15 provides a watchful eye on the health and safety of New Jersey
16 seniors. While adequate nutrition is necessary for health,
17 functionality, and the ability to remain independent, the work of
18 Meals on Wheels America is also important to many New Jersey
19 seniors who know that a meal is just as much about the company
20 across the table as it is about the food on the plate. This bill makes
21 it less costly for local Meals on Wheels America programs to fulfill
22 their important mission by exempting program vehicles from motor
23 vehicle registration fees.