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SYNOPSIS

Authorizes creation of Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation license plates.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **AN ACT** concerning the creation of special Marine Corps
2 Scholarship Foundation license plates and supplementing chapter
3 3 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes.

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

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8 1. a. Upon proper application, the Chief Administrator of the
9 New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall issue Marine Corps
10 Scholarship Foundation license plates for any motor vehicle owned
11 or leased and registered in the State. In addition to the registration
12 number and other markings or identification otherwise prescribed
13 by law, the license plate shall display appropriate words or a slogan
14 and an emblem representative of the Marine Corps Scholarship
15 Foundation. The chief administrator shall select the design,
16 including an emblem and color scheme, in consultation with the
17 Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation. Marine Corps Scholarship
18 Foundation license plates shall be subject to the provisions of
19 chapter 3 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes, except as hereinafter
20 otherwise specifically provided.

21 b. Application for issuance of Marine Corps Scholarship
22 Foundation license plates shall be made to the chief administrator
23 on forms and in a manner prescribed by the chief administrator. In
24 order to be deemed complete, an application shall be accompanied
25 by a fee of \$50, payable to the commission, which shall be in
26 addition to the fees otherwise prescribed by law for the registration
27 of a motor vehicle.

28 The chief administrator shall collect annually, subsequent to the
29 year of issuance of the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation
30 license plate, a \$10 fee for the license plate in addition to the fees
31 otherwise prescribed by law for the registration of a motor vehicle.
32 The additional fees required by this subsection shall be deposited in
33 the “Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation License Plate Fund”
34 created pursuant to subsection c. of this section.

35 c. There is created in the Department of the Treasury a special
36 non-lapsing fund to be known as the “Marine Corps Scholarship
37 Foundation License Plate Fund.” There shall be deposited in the
38 fund the amount collected from all license plate fees collected
39 pursuant to subsection b. of this section. Monies deposited in the
40 fund shall be appropriated annually to the Marine Corps
41 Scholarship Foundation and used to support the organization’s
42 mission and programs. Monies deposited in the fund shall be held in
43 interest bearing accounts in public depositories as defined pursuant
44 to section 1 of P.L.1970, c.236 (C.17:9-41), and may be invested or
45 reinvested in such securities as are approved by the State Treasurer.
46 Interest or other income earned on monies deposited in the fund,
47 and any monies which may be appropriated or otherwise become

1 available for the purposes of the fund, shall be credited to and
2 deposited in the fund for use as set forth in this section.

3 d. To offset the initial costs incurred by the commission for the
4 Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation license plates, the Marine
5 Corps Scholarship Foundation, other concerned organizations, and
6 individual donors may contribute monies for this purpose. Any
7 amount remaining after the payment of the initial costs shall be
8 deposited in the “Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation License
9 Plate Fund” established pursuant to subsection c. of this section.

10 e. The chief administrator shall notify eligible motorists of the
11 opportunity to obtain Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation license
12 plates by publicizing the availability of the license plates on the
13 website of the commission. The Marine Corps Scholarship
14 Foundation, and any other individual or entity designated by the
15 Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, may publicize the
16 availability of the license plates in any manner the organization
17 deems appropriate.

18 f. The chief administrator and the Marine Corps Scholarship
19 Foundation shall develop and enter into a memorandum of
20 agreement setting forth the procedures to be followed in carrying
21 out their respective responsibilities under P.L. , c. (C.)
22 (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

23 g. The Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation shall appoint a
24 representative who shall act as a liaison between the organization
25 and the commission. The liaison shall represent the foundation in
26 any and all communications with the commission regarding the
27 license plates established by P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before
28 the Legislature as this bill).

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30 2. This act shall take effect immediately, but shall remain
31 inoperative until the first day of the 13th month following the date
32 of enactment. The chief administrator may take such anticipatory
33 administrative acts in advance of that date as may be necessary for
34 the timely implementation of this act.

35 36 37 STATEMENT

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39 This bill authorizes the Chief Administrator (chief administrator)
40 of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) to issue a
41 Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation license plate. The design of
42 the license plate is to be chosen by the chief administrator, in
43 consultation with the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation.

44 In addition to all fees otherwise required by law for the
45 registration of a motor vehicle, there is an application fee of \$50
46 and an annual renewal fee of \$10 for the Marine Corps Scholarship
47 Foundation license plates. The additional fees are to be deposited
48 into a special non-lapsing fund known as the “Marine Corps

1 Scholarship Foundation License Plate Fund.” The proceeds of the
2 fund are to be annually appropriated to the Marine Corps
3 Scholarship Foundation and used to support the organization’s
4 mission of providing scholarships to Marine Corps families.

5 The bill also provides that the Marine Corps Scholarship
6 Foundation, other concerned organization, and individual donors
7 may contribute monies to be used to offset the initial costs incurred
8 by the MVC for the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation license
9 plates.

10 The chief administrator is responsible for publicizing the
11 availability of the license plates on the commission’s website. The
12 Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation or any individual or entity
13 designated by the foundation, may also publicize the availability of
14 the license plates in any manner the foundation deems appropriate.

15 The Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation has provided over
16 30,000 scholarships for post-high school education to the sons and
17 daughters of Marines since 1962. Scholarships are awarded to all
18 eligible students of active duty, retired, or honorably discharged
19 Marines and Navy Corpsmen. Special consideration is given to the
20 children of wounded and fallen Marines and those with
21 demonstrated financial need.