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SYNOPSIS

Establishes special license plates supporting American Red Cross.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT establishing special license plates supporting the American
2 Red Cross and supplementing chapter 3 of Title 39 of the
3 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. As used in this act:

9 “Chief administrator” means the Chief Administrator of the New
10 Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission.

11 “Commission” means the New Jersey Motor Vehicle
12 Commission.

13 “Fund” means the “American Red Cross License Plate Fund”
14 created pursuant to section 4 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending
15 before the Legislature as this bill).

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17 2. The chief administrator shall, upon proper application, issue
18 American Red Cross license plates for any motor vehicle owned or
19 leased and registered in the State. In addition to the registration
20 number and other markings or identification otherwise prescribed
21 by law, the American Red Cross license plate shall display
22 appropriate words and an emblem supporting the organization. The
23 chief administrator shall, in consultation with the Regional Chief
24 Executive Officers of the Red Cross chapters of this State, choose
25 the design, including an emblem and a color scheme. Issuance of
26 American Red Cross license plates, in accordance with this section,
27 shall be subject to the provisions of chapter 3 of Title 39 of the
28 Revised Statutes, except as hereinafter otherwise specifically
29 provided.

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31 3. a. Application for issuance of an American Red Cross
32 license plate shall be made to the commission on forms and in a
33 manner prescribed by the chief administrator. In order to be
34 deemed complete, an application shall be accompanied by a fee of
35 \$50, payable to the commission, which fee shall be in addition to all
36 fees otherwise required by law for the registration of a motor
37 vehicle and shall be collected by the commission and deposited in
38 the fund created pursuant to section 4 of P.L. , c. (C.)
39 (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

40 b. The annual fee for registration of a motor vehicle that has
41 been issued an American Red Cross license plate pursuant to
42 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)
43 shall include in each year subsequent to the year of issuance a fee of
44 \$10, in addition to all fees otherwise required by law for the
45 renewal of the registration of a motor vehicle, which shall be
46 collected by the commission and deposited in the fund created
47 pursuant to section 4 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
48 Legislature as this bill).

1 4. There is created in the Department of the Treasury a special
2 non-lapsing fund to be known as the “American Red Cross License
3 Plate Fund.” There shall be deposited in the fund the additional
4 application and renewal fees collected pursuant to section 3 of
5 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill),
6 less the amounts necessary to reimburse the commission for
7 administrative costs pursuant to section 5 of P.L. , c. (C.)
8 (pending before the Legislature as this bill). Monies deposited in
9 the fund shall be appropriated annually to the American Red Cross,
10 and shall be expended on the delivery of disaster relief and other
11 human services. Monies deposited in the fund shall be held in
12 interest-bearing accounts in public depositories as defined pursuant
13 to section 1 of P.L.1970, c.236 (C.17:9-41), and may be invested or
14 reinvested in such securities as are approved by the State Treasurer.
15 Interest or other income earned on monies deposited in the fund,
16 and any monies which may be appropriated or otherwise become
17 available for the purposes of the fund, shall be credited to and
18 deposited in the fund for use as set forth in P.L. , c. (C.)
19 (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

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21 5. a. Prior to the deposit of the additional fees collected
22 pursuant to section 3 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
23 Legislature as this bill) into the fund, amounts thereof as are
24 necessary shall be used to reimburse the commission for all costs
25 reasonable and actually incurred, as stipulated by the chief
26 administrator, for:

27 (1) producing, issuing, renewing, and publicizing the
28 availability of the American Red Cross license plates; and

29 (2) any computer programming changes that may be initially
30 necessary to implement the American Red Cross license plate
31 program established by P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
32 Legislature as this bill) in an amount certified as necessary by the
33 chief administrator.

34 b. The chief administrator shall annually certify to the State
35 Treasurer the average cost per license plate incurred in the
36 immediately preceding year by the commission in producing,
37 issuing, renewing, and publicizing the availability of the American
38 Red Cross license plates. The annual certification of the average
39 cost per license plate shall be approved by the Joint Budget
40 Oversight Committee, or its successor.

41 c. In the event that the average cost per license plate as
42 certified by the chief administrator and approved by the Joint
43 Budget Oversight Committee, or its successor, is greater than the
44 \$50 application fee established in subsection a. of section 3 of
45 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) in
46 two consecutive years, the chief administrator may discontinue the
47 issuance of American Red Cross license plates.

1 6. The chief administrator shall notify eligible motorists of the
2 opportunity to obtain American Red Cross license plates by
3 including a notice with all motor vehicle registration renewals, and
4 by posting appropriate posters or signs in all commission facilities
5 and offices. The notices, posters, and signs shall be designed by the
6 chief administrator.

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8 7. The chief administrator and the State Treasurer shall develop
9 and enter into an interagency memorandum of agreement setting
10 forth the procedures to be followed in carrying out their respective
11 responsibilities under P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
12 Legislature as this bill).

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14 8. This act shall take effect on the first day of the seventh
15 month after enactment.

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18 STATEMENT

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20 This bill authorizes the New Jersey Motor Vehicles Commission
21 (commission) to issue special American Red Cross license plates
22 for motor vehicles owned or leased and registered in this State.

23 The bill requires a \$50 application fee and a \$10 annual renewal
24 fee for these license plates, in addition to fees otherwise required by
25 law for the registration of a motor vehicle.

26 The additional revenue is to be deposited in the American Red
27 Cross License Plate Fund in the Department of the Treasury,
28 created by this bill. The funds are to be appropriated annually to the
29 American Red Cross for the delivery of disaster relief and other
30 human services.

31 The commission is to be reimbursed for the costs incurred for
32 producing, issuing, renewing, and publicizing the availability of the
33 special plates from the fees collected prior to their deposit into the
34 fund. The chief administrator of the commission is to annually
35 certify the average cost per license plate incurred in the
36 immediately preceding year, which cost is to be certified by the
37 Joint Budget Oversight Committee, or its successor. If the certified
38 average cost per license plate exceeds the \$50 application fee for
39 two consecutive years, the chief administrator may discontinue
40 issuing the American Red Cross license plates.