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SYNOPSIS

Authorizes South Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Association license plates with proceeds to veterans' and emergency management operations.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning special license plates and supplementing
2 chapter 3 of 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. As used in this act:

8 "Chief administrator" means the Chief Administrator of the New
9 Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission.

10 "Commission" means the New Jersey Motor Vehicle
11 Commission.

12 "Fund" means the "South Jersey Vietnam Veteran's Association
13 Fund" created pursuant to section 4 of this act.

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15 2. The chief administrator shall, upon proper application, issue
16 South Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Association license plates for any
17 motor vehicle owned or leased and registered in the State. In
18 addition to the registration number and other markings or
19 identification otherwise prescribed by law, a South Jersey Vietnam
20 Veterans' Association license plate shall display wording, and a
21 design and color scheme chosen by the chief administrator, in
22 consultation with the President of the South Jersey Vietnam
23 Veterans' Association. Issuance of South Jersey Vietnam Veterans'
24 Association license plates in accordance with this section shall be
25 subject to the provisions of chapter 3 of Title 39 of the Revised
26 Statutes, except as hereinafter otherwise specifically provided.

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28 3. a. Application for issuance of an South Jersey Vietnam
29 Veterans' Association license plate shall be made to the
30 commission on forms and in a manner as may be prescribed by the
31 chief administrator. In order to be deemed complete, an application
32 shall be accompanied by a fee of \$50 payable to the commission,
33 which fee shall be in addition to all fees otherwise required by law
34 for the registration of the motor vehicle and shall be collected by
35 the commission and deposited in the South Jersey Vietnam
36 Veterans' Association Fund created pursuant to section 4 of this act.

37 b. The annual fee for the registration of a motor vehicle that
38 has been issued a South Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Association
39 license plate pursuant to this act shall include, in each year
40 subsequent to the year of issuance, a fee of \$10 in addition to all
41 fees otherwise required by law for the renewal of the registration of
42 the motor vehicle, which shall be collected by the commission and
43 deposited in the South Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Association Fund
44 created pursuant to section 4 of this act.

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46 4. There is created in the Department of the Treasury a special
47 non-lapsing fund to be known as the "South Jersey Vietnam

1 Veterans' Association License Plate Fund." There shall be
2 deposited in the fund the amount collected from all license plate
3 fees collected pursuant to section 3 of this act, less the amounts
4 necessary to reimburse the commission for administrative costs
5 pursuant to section 5 of this act. The monies in the fund shall be
6 equally distributed to the Department of Military and Veterans
7 Affairs for the aid of veterans organizations and to the Emergency
8 Management Section of the New Jersey State Police for use by local
9 emergency management organizations. Monies deposited in the
10 fund shall be held in interest-bearing accounts in public depositories
11 as defined pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1970, c.236 (C.17:9-41), and
12 may be invested or reinvested in such securities as are approved by
13 the State Treasurer. Interest or other income earned on monies
14 deposited in the fund, and any monies which may be appropriated
15 or otherwise become available for the purposes of the fund, shall be
16 credited to and deposited in the fund for use as set forth in this act.

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18 5. a. Prior to the deposit into the fund of the additional fees
19 collected pursuant to section 3 of this act, amounts thereof as are
20 necessary shall be used to reimburse the commission for all costs
21 reasonable and actually incurred, as stipulated by the chief
22 administrator, for

23 (1) producing, issuing, renewing and publicizing the availability
24 of the South Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Association license plates;
25 and

26 (2) any computer programming changes that may be initially
27 necessary to implement the South Jersey Vietnam Veterans'
28 Association license plate program established by this act in an
29 amount certified as necessary by the chief administrator.

30 b. The chief administrator shall annually certify to the State
31 Treasurer the average cost per license plate incurred in the
32 immediately preceding year by the commission in producing,
33 issuing, renewing, and publicizing the availability of the South
34 Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Association license plates. The annual
35 certification of the average cost per license plate shall be approved
36 by the Joint Budget Oversight Committee, or its successor.

37 c. In the event that the average cost per license plate as
38 certified by the chief administrator and approved by the Joint
39 Budget Oversight Committee, or its successor, is greater than the
40 \$50 application fee established in subsection a. of section 3 of this
41 act in two consecutive years, the chief administrator may
42 discontinue the issuance of South Jersey Vietnam Veterans'
43 Association license plates.

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45 6. The chief administrator shall notify eligible motorists of the
46 opportunity to obtain South Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Association
47 license plates by including a notice with all motor vehicle

1 registration renewal, and by posting appropriate posters or signs in
2 all commission facilities and offices, as may be provided by the
3 department. The notices, posters, and signs shall be designed by the
4 chief administrator.

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6 7. This act shall take effect on the first day of the seventh
7 month after enactment.

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10 STATEMENT

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12 This bill authorizes the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission
13 ("commission") to issue South Jersey Vietnam Veterans'
14 Association license plates for a motor vehicle owned or leased and
15 registered in this State.

16 The bill requires a \$50 application fee and a \$10 annual renewal
17 fee for these license plates, in addition to the fees otherwise
18 prescribed by law for the registration of a motor vehicle.

19 The additional fees are to be deposited in the "South Jersey
20 Vietnam Veterans' Association License Plate Fund" ("fund"), in the
21 Department of the Treasury, created in this bill. The funds are to be
22 appropriated equally on an annual basis to the Department of
23 Military and Veterans Affairs for the aid of veterans organizations
24 and to the Emergency Management Section of the New Jersey State
25 Police for use by local emergency management organizations.

26 The commission is to be reimbursed for the costs incurred for
27 producing, issuing, renewing, and publicizing the availability of the
28 special plates from donors and the fees collected prior to their
29 deposit into the fund. The Chief Administrator of the New Jersey
30 Motor Vehicle Commission ("chief administrator") is to annually
31 certify the average cost per license plate incurred in the
32 immediately preceding year which cost is to be certified by the
33 Joint Budget Oversight Committee, or its successor. If the certified
34 average cost per license plate exceeds the \$50 application fee for
35 two consecutive years, the chief administrator may discontinue
36 issuing the South Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Association license
37 plate.