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SYNOPSIS

Authorizes special license plates for members of the United States Coast Guard.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **AN ACT** concerning special motor vehicle registration plates for
2 members of the United States Coast Guard and supplementing
3 chapter 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 the application of any person or parent of any
9 person who is an active member of the United States Coast Guard
10 or former active member who has been honorably separated from
11 the United States Coast Guard, the Chief Administrator of the
12 Motor Vehicle Commission may issue for a motor vehicle owned or
13 leased by such person, or owned by the spouse or parent thereof, or
14 owned by a business firm of which such person is the principal
15 owner or stockholder a special vehicle registration plate, identifying
16 the holder as a member or former member of the United States
17 Coast Guard and bearing “The United States Coast Guard Seal.”
18 The plates shall also include the vehicle registration number and
19 other markings or identification prescribed by law. The design and
20 color for such plate shall be approved by the chief administrator.

21 b. The special plate authorized by this act may be issued upon
22 proof, satisfactory to the chief administrator, that the applicant is an
23 active member of the United States Coast Guard or former active
24 member who has been honorably separated from the United States
25 Coast Guard.

26 c. The fee for the motor vehicle registration plates issued under
27 this section shall be \$25, in addition to the fees otherwise
28 prescribed by law for the registration of motor vehicles.

29 d. No person shall lend the special plate for use on a motor
30 vehicle other than the vehicle for which it was issued, or use the
31 same for a motor vehicle other than the vehicle for which it was
32 issued.

33 e. Any person violating any of the provisions of this act shall
34 be fined not less than \$25 nor more than \$50.

35 f. The chief administrator may adopt rules, pursuant to the
36 “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
37 seq.), governing the issuance and use of the special vehicle
38 registration plates authorized by this section.

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40 2. The chief administrator may retain from the fees collected
41 pursuant to subsection c. of section 1 of this act such sums as are
42 necessary to defray all the costs incurred by the commission in the
43 implementation of this act as certified by the chief administrator.

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45 3. a. The chief administrator shall annually certify the average
46 cost per registration plate incurred in the immediately preceding
47 year by the commission in producing and publicizing the
48 availability of the designated driver registration plates.

1 b. In the event that the average cost per license plate, as
2 certified by the chief administrator and approved by the Joint
3 Budget Oversight Committee, or its successor, is greater than the
4 application fee established in section 2 of this act in two
5 consecutive fiscal years, the chief administrator may increase the
6 fee for a designated driver registration plate to an amount which, as
7 certified by the chief administrator and approved by the Joint
8 Budget Oversight Committee, or its successor, is no greater than the
9 average cost per registration plate or the chief administrator may
10 discontinue the issuance of the designated driver registration plate.

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12 4. This act shall take effect on the first day of the seventh
13 month following enactment, but the Chief Administrator of the
14 Motor Vehicle Commission may take such anticipatory
15 administrative action in advance thereof as shall be necessary for
16 the implementation of this act.

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STATEMENT

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21 This bill would authorize special motor vehicle registration
22 plates for active members of the United States Coast Guard or
23 former active members who have been honorably separated from
24 the United States Coast Guard. These special plates would also be
25 available to the parents of any person who is an active member of
26 the United States Coast Guard or former active member who has
27 been honorably separated from the United States Coast Guard.

28 The plates would identify the holder as a member or former
29 member of the United States Coast Guard and bear “The United
30 States Coast Guard Seal.” Under this bill, the fee for the motor
31 vehicle registration plates issued under this section shall be \$25, in
32 addition to the fees otherwise prescribed by law for the registration
33 of motor vehicles. The Chief Administrator of the Motor Vehicle
34 Commission would be authorized to retain monies collected from
35 the plate purchases to defray all costs incurred by the commission
36 in the implementation of the special plate program.