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SYNOPSIS

Authorizes special Ancient Order of Hibernians license plate.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning special Ancient Order of Hibernians license
2 plates and supplementing chapter 3 of Title 39 of the Revised
3 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 Ancient Order
10 of Hibernians license plates for any motor vehicle owned or leased
11 and registered in the State. In addition to the registration number
12 and other markings or identification otherwise prescribed by law,
13 the license plate shall display appropriate words or a slogan and an
14 emblem honoring the Ancient Order of Hibernians. The chief
15 administrator shall select the design, including an emblem and color
16 scheme, in consultation with the Ancient Order of Hibernians, New
17 Jersey State Board. Ancient Order of Hibernians license plates
18 shall be subject to the provisions of chapter 3 of Title 39 of the
19 Revised Statutes, except as hereinafter otherwise specifically
20 provided.

21 b. Application for issuance of an Ancient Order of Hibernians
22 license plate shall be made to the chief administrator on forms and
23 in a manner prescribed by the chief administrator. In order to be
24 deemed complete, an application shall be accompanied by a fee of
25 \$50, payable to the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission, which
26 shall be in addition to the fees otherwise prescribed by law for the
27 registration of a motor vehicle. The chief administrator shall collect
28 annually, subsequent to the year of issuance of the Ancient Order of
29 Hibernians license plate, a \$10 fee for the license plate in addition
30 to the fees otherwise prescribed by law for the registration of a
31 motor vehicle. The additional fees required by this subsection shall
32 be deposited in the "Ancient Order of Hibernians License Plate
33 Fund" created pursuant to subsection c. of this section.

34 c. There is created in the Department of the Treasury a special
35 non-lapsing fund to be known as the "Ancient Order of Hibernians
36 License Plate Fund." There shall be deposited in the fund the
37 amount collected from all license plate fees collected pursuant to
38 subsection b. of this section, less the amounts necessary to
39 reimburse the commission for administrative costs pursuant to
40 subsection d. of this section. Monies deposited in the fund shall be
41 appropriated annually to the Ancient Order of Hibernians, New
42 Jersey State Board. 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
48 available for the purposes of the fund, shall be credited to and

1 deposited in the fund for use as set forth in P.L. , c. (C.)
2 (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

3 d. Prior to the deposit of the additional fees collected pursuant
4 to subsection b. of this section into the fund, amounts thereof as are
5 necessary shall be used to reimburse the commission for all costs
6 reasonably and actually incurred, as stipulated by the chief
7 administrator, for:

8 (1) producing, issuing, renewing, and publicizing the
9 availability of the Ancient Order of Hibernians license plates; and

10 (2) any computer programming changes that may be initially
11 necessary to implement the Ancient Order of Hibernians license
12 plate program established by P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before
13 the Legislature as this bill), in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

14 The chief administrator shall annually certify to the State
15 Treasurer the average cost per license plate incurred in the
16 immediately preceding year by the commission in producing,
17 issuing, renewing, and publicizing the availability of the Ancient
18 Order of Hibernians license plates. The annual certification of the
19 average cost per license plate shall be approved by the Joint Budget
20 Oversight Committee, or its successor.

21 In the event that the average cost per license plate as certified by
22 the chief administrator and approved by the Joint Budget Oversight
23 Committee, or its successor, is greater than the \$50 application fee
24 established in subsection b. of this section in two consecutive fiscal
25 years, the chief administrator may discontinue the issuance of
26 Ancient Order of Hibernians license plates.

27 e. The chief administrator shall notify eligible motorists of the
28 opportunity to obtain Ancient Order of Hibernians license plates by
29 publicizing the availability of the license plates on the website of
30 the commission. The Ancient Order of Hibernians, New Jersey
31 State Board, and any other individual or entity designated by the
32 Ancient Order of Hibernians, New Jersey State Board, may
33 publicize the availability of Ancient Order of Hibernians license
34 plates in any manner the Ancient Order of Hibernians, New Jersey
35 State Board deems appropriate.

36 f. The chief administrator and the Ancient Order of
37 Hibernians, New Jersey State Board shall develop and enter into a
38 memorandum of agreement setting forth the procedures to be
39 followed in carrying out their respective responsibilities under
40 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

41 g. The Ancient Order of Hibernians, New Jersey State Board
42 shall appoint a representative who shall act as a liaison between the
43 organization and the commission. The liaison shall represent the
44 Ancient Order of Hibernians, New Jersey State Board in any and all
45 communications with the commission regarding the Ancient Order
46 of Hibernians license plates established by P.L. , c. (C.)
47 (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

1 2. a. No State or other public funds shall be used by the
2 commission for the initial cost of:

3 (1) producing, issuing, and publicizing the availability of
4 Ancient Order of Hibernians license plates; or

5 (2) any computer programming changes which may be
6 necessary to implement the Ancient Order of Hibernians license
7 plate program established by P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before
8 the Legislature as this bill).

9 b. The Ancient Order of Hibernians, New Jersey State Board or
10 other individual or entity designated by the Ancient Order of
11 Hibernians, New Jersey State Board, shall contribute monies in an
12 amount to be determined by the chief administrator, not to exceed a
13 total of \$25,000, to be used to offset the initial costs incurred by the
14 commission for producing, issuing, and publicizing the availability
15 of Ancient Order of Hibernians license plates, and any computer
16 programming which may be necessary to implement the program.
17 To further help offset the initial costs incurred by the commission
18 for the special license plates authorized by P.L. , c. (C.)
19 (pending before the Legislature as this bill), other concerned
20 organizations and individual donors may contribute monies to the
21 Ancient Order of Hibernians, New Jersey State Board, or an
22 individual or entity designated by the Ancient Order of Hibernians,
23 New Jersey State Board, for this purpose. Any amount remaining
24 after the payment of the initial costs shall be deposited in the
25 "Ancient Order of Hibernians License Plate Fund" established
26 pursuant to subsection c. of section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.)
27 (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

28 c. The commission shall not begin designing, producing,
29 issuing, or publicizing the availability of Ancient Order of
30 Hibernians license plates, or making any necessary programming
31 changes, until the following requirements have been met:

32 (1) The Ancient Order of Hibernians, New Jersey State Board or
33 the individual or entity designated by the Ancient Order of
34 Hibernians, New Jersey State Board, has provided the commission
35 with the money necessary, as determined by the chief administrator
36 pursuant to subsection b. of this section, to offset the initial costs
37 incurred by the commission in establishing the Ancient Order of
38 Hibernians license plate program; and

39 (2) The liaison appointed by the Ancient Order of Hibernians,
40 New Jersey State Board pursuant to subsection g. of section 1 of
41 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)
42 has provided the commission with not less than 500 completed
43 applications for Ancient Order of Hibernians license plates. These
44 applications shall constitute the initial order for Ancient Order of
45 Hibernians license plates and shall be accompanied by a fee
46 representing the total cost of the initial order. Such fee shall be
47 determined by multiplying the number of sets of license plates
48 being ordered by the applicable initial fee for each set of license

1 plates as set forth in subsection b. of section 1 of
2 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

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4 3. This act shall take effect immediately, but shall remain
5 inoperable until the first day of the seventh month following the
6 date on which the conditions set forth in paragraphs (1) and (2) of
7 subsection c. of section 2 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before
8 the Legislature as this bill) have been satisfied. The chief
9 administrator may take such anticipatory acts in advance of that
10 date as may be necessary for the timely implementation of
11 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).
12 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill))
13 shall expire if the conditions set forth in paragraphs (1) and (2) of
14 subsection c. of section 2 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending
15 before the Legislature as this bill) are not satisfied by the last day of
16 the 12th month following enactment.

17 18 19 STATEMENT

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21 This bill authorizes the Chief Administrator (chief administrator)
22 of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (commission) to
23 issue Ancient Order of Hibernians license plates. The chief
24 administrator is to select the design of the license plates in
25 consultation with the Ancient Order of Hibernians, New Jersey
26 State Board (the organization).

27 In addition to the required motor vehicle registration fees, there
28 is an application fee of \$50 and an annual renewal fee of \$10 for
29 these license plates. After deducting the cost of producing, issuing,
30 renewing, and publicizing the license plates and any computer
31 programming changes that are necessary to implement the license
32 plate program, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000, the additional
33 fees are to be deposited into a special non-lapsing fund known as
34 the "Ancient Order of Hibernians License Plate Fund." The
35 proceeds of the fund are to be annually appropriated to the
36 organization.

37 The chief administrator is required to annually certify the
38 average cost per license plate in producing, issuing, renewing, and
39 publicizing the Ancient Order of Hibernians license plates. If the
40 average cost exceeds \$50 for two consecutive fiscal years, the chief
41 administrator may discontinue the license plates.

42 The bill also requires the organization to appoint a liaison to
43 represent the organization in all communications with the
44 commission regarding the license plates.

45 The bill provides that no State or other public funds may be used
46 by the commission for the initial cost of producing, issuing, and
47 publicizing the availability of Ancient Order of Hibernians license
48 plates or any computer programming changes which may be

1 necessary to implement the Ancient Order of Hibernians license
2 plate program.

3 The bill also requires that the organization, or other individual or
4 entity designated by the organization, contribute monies in an
5 amount to be determined by the chief administrator, not to exceed a
6 total of \$25,000, to be used to offset the initial costs incurred by the
7 commission for producing, issuing, and publicizing the availability
8 of Ancient Order of Hibernians license plates, and any computer
9 programming which may be necessary to implement the program.

10 The bill prohibits the commission from designing, producing,
11 issuing, or publicizing the availability of Ancient Order of
12 Hibernians license plates, or making any necessary computer
13 programming changes, until: (1) the organization, or its designee,
14 has provided the commission with the money necessary to offset the
15 initial costs incurred by the commission in establishing the Ancient
16 Order of Hibernians license plate program; and (2) the
17 organization's liaison has provided the commission with a
18 minimum of 500 completed applications for Ancient Order of
19 Hibernians license plates, upon the availability for purchase of
20 those plates.

21 The chief administrator is responsible for publicizing the
22 availability of the license plates on the commission's website. The
23 organization, or any individual or entity designated by the
24 organization, may also publicize the availability of Ancient Order
25 of Hibernians license plates in any manner the organization deems
26 appropriate.

27 The provisions of the bill remain inoperative until the first day of
28 the seventh month following the date on which the appropriate
29 applications and fees required to offset the initial costs incurred by
30 the commission are provided by the organization or its designee.
31 The bill expires on the last day of the 12th month following
32 enactment if sufficient applications and fees to offset the initial
33 costs are not received.