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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
48 Veterans' Association License Plate Fund." There shall be

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

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

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

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

36 c. In the event that the average cost per license plate as
37 certified by the chief administrator and approved by the Joint
38 Budget Oversight Committee, or its successor, is greater than the
39 \$50 application fee established in subsection a. of section 3 of this
40 act in two consecutive years, the chief administrator may
41 discontinue the issuance of South Jersey Vietnam Veterans'
42 Association license plates.
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44 6. The chief administrator shall notify eligible motorists of the
45 opportunity to obtain South Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Association
46 license plates by including a notice with all motor vehicle
47 registration renewal, and by posting appropriate posters or signs in
48 all commission facilities and offices, as may be provided by the

1 department. The notices, posters, and signs shall be designed by the
2 chief administrator.

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

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STATEMENT

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

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

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

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