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SYNOPSIS

Authorizes issuance of license plates series honoring military academies that represent five branches of United States military.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.

AN ACT authorizing the issuance of a series of special license plates honoring the military academies that represent the five branches of the United States military and supplementing Title 39 of the Revised Statutes.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. a. Upon proper application, the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall issue license plates, for any motor vehicle owned or leased and registered in this State, to honor one of the five military academies that represent the five branches of the United States military. The chief administrator shall, in consultation with the Adjutant General of the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs, select the design and color scheme for each of the military academy license plates. In addition to the registration number and other markings or identification otherwise prescribed by law, a license plate shall display appropriate words or a slogan and emblem to honor each of the following:

(1) The United States Military Academy;

(2) The United States Naval Academy;

(3) The United States Air Force Academy;

(4) The United States Merchant Marine Academy; and

(5) The United States Coast Guard Academy.

The military academy license plates authorized under paragraph (1) through (5) of this section shall be subject to the provisions of chapter 3 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes, except as hereinafter otherwise provided.

b. Application for issuance of a set of military academy license plates, issued pursuant to paragraph (1) through (5) of subsection a. of this section, shall be made to the chief administrator on forms and in a manner prescribed by the chief administrator. In order to be deemed complete, an application shall be accompanied by a fee of $15, payable to the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission, which shall be in addition to the fees otherwise prescribed by law for the registration of a motor vehicle.

c. The chief administrator shall notify eligible motorists of the opportunity to obtain a set of military academy license plates by publicizing the availability of the license plates on the commission's website.

2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the thirteenth month after the date of enactment and the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission may take such administrative action in advance as may be necessary for the timely implementation of this act.

STATEMENT

This bill authorizes the issuance of a series of special license plates honoring the military academies that represent the five branches of the United States military.

The bill provides that the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (chief administrator), in consultation with the Adjutant General of the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs, is to select the design and color scheme for each of the military academy license plates. In addition to the registration number and other markings or identification otherwise prescribed by law, a license plate is to be created to honor each of the following:

1) The United States Military Academy;
2) The United States Naval Academy;
3) The United States Air Force Academy;
4) The United States Merchant Marine Academy; and
5) The United States Coast Guard Academy.

In addition to all fees otherwise required by law for the registration of a motor vehicle, there is a fee of $15 for the military academy license plates. The chief administrator is required to notify eligible motorists of the opportunity to obtain a set of military academy license plates by publicizing the availability of the license plates on the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission's website.