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SYNOPSIS

Requires MVC to provide motorcycle licenses and certain license plates to certain veterans free of charge.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 AN ACT concerning certain licenses and certain license plates
2 provided to certain veterans and amending R.S.39:3-10 and
3 P.L.2017, c.193.
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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. R.S.39:3-10 is amended to read as follows:

9 39:3-10. a. A person shall not drive a motor vehicle on a public
10 highway in this State unless the person is under supervision while
11 participating in a behind-the-wheel driving course pursuant to
12 section 6 of P.L.1977, c.25 (C.39:3-13.2a) or is in possession of a
13 validated permit, or a probationary or basic driver's license issued to
14 that person in accordance with this article.

15 b. A person under 18 years of age shall not be issued a basic
16 license to drive motor vehicles, and a person shall not be issued a
17 validated permit, including a validated examination permit, until the
18 applicant has passed a satisfactory examination and other
19 requirements as to the applicant's ability as an operator. The
20 examination shall include: a test of the applicant's vision; the
21 applicant's ability to understand traffic control devices; the
22 applicant's knowledge of safe driving practices, including the
23 dangers of driving a vehicle in an aggressive manner, which shall
24 include, but not be limited to, unexpectedly altering the speed of a
25 vehicle, making improper or erratic traffic lane changes,
26 disregarding traffic control devices, failing to yield the right of way,
27 and following another vehicle too closely; the applicant's
28 knowledge of operating a motor vehicle in a manner that safely
29 shares the roadway with pedestrians, cyclists, skaters, riders of
30 motorized-scooters, and other non-motorized vehicles, which shall
31 include, but not be limited to, passing a cyclist on the roadway,
32 recognizing bicycle lanes, navigating intersections with pedestrians
33 and cyclists, and exiting a vehicle without endangering pedestrians
34 and cyclists; the applicant's knowledge of the effects that ingestion
35 of alcohol or drugs has on a person's ability to operate a motor
36 vehicle; the applicant's knowledge of the dangers of carbon
37 monoxide poisoning from motor vehicles and techniques for the
38 safe operation and proper maintenance of a motor vehicle; the
39 applicant's knowledge of portions of the mechanism of motor
40 vehicles as is necessary to insure the safe operation of a vehicle of
41 the kind or kinds indicated by the applicant; and the applicant's
42 knowledge of the laws and ordinary usages of the road. The
43 examination shall be made available in English and each of the
44 three languages, other than English, most commonly spoken in the
45 State, as determined by the chief administrator. The chief

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 administrator shall periodically, and at least every five years, verify
2 the three languages, other than English, most commonly spoken in
3 the State.

4 c. A person shall not sit for an examination for any permit
5 without exhibiting photo identification deemed acceptable by the
6 commission, unless that person is a high school student
7 participating in a course of automobile driving education approved
8 by the State Department of Education and conducted in a public,
9 parochial, or private school of this State, pursuant to section 1 of
10 P.L.1950, c.127 (C.39:3-13.1).

11 Prior to taking an examination for any permit, a person shall
12 watch a video created by the commission, in conjunction with the
13 Attorney General, explaining the rights and responsibilities of a
14 driver stopped by a law enforcement officer. The video shall be
15 used for informational purposes only and shall not be used in any
16 criminal proceeding involving a driver stopped by a law
17 enforcement officer.

18 The commission may waive the written law knowledge
19 examination for any person 18 years of age or older possessing a
20 valid driver's license issued by any other state, the District of
21 Columbia, or the United States Territories of American Samoa,
22 Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, or the Virgin
23 Islands. The commission shall be required to provide that person
24 with a booklet that highlights those motor vehicle laws unique to
25 New Jersey. A road test shall be required for a probationary license
26 and serve as a demonstration of the applicant's ability to operate a
27 vehicle of the class designated. During the road test, an applicant
28 may use a rear visibility system, parking sensors, or other
29 technology installed on the motor vehicle that enables the applicant
30 to view areas directly behind the vehicle or alerts the applicant of
31 obstacles while parking.

32 d. A person shall not sit for a road test unless that person
33 exhibits photo identification deemed acceptable by the commission.
34 A high school student who has completed a course of behind-the-
35 wheel automobile driving education approved by the State
36 Department of Education and conducted in a public, parochial, or
37 private school of this State, who has been issued a special learner's
38 permit pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1950, c.127 (C.39:3-13.1) prior
39 to January 1, 2003, shall not be required to exhibit photo
40 identification in order to sit for a road test. The commission may
41 waive the road test for any person 18 years of age or older
42 possessing a valid driver's license issued by any other state, the
43 District of Columbia, or the United States Territories of American
44 Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, or the Virgin
45 Islands. The road test shall be given on public streets, where
46 practicable and feasible, but may be preceded by an off-street
47 screening process to assess basic skills. The commission shall
48 approve locations for the road test which pose no more than a

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1 minimal risk of injury to the applicant, the examiner, and other
2 motorists. New locations for the road test shall not be approved
3 unless the test can be given on public streets.

4 e. A person who successfully completes a road test for a
5 motorcycle license or a motorcycle endorsement when operating a
6 motorcycle or motorized scooter with an engine displacement of
7 less than 231 cubic centimeters shall be issued a motorcycle license
8 or endorsement restricting the person's operation of the vehicles to
9 any motorcycle with an engine displacement of 500 cubic
10 centimeters or less. A person who successfully completes a road
11 test for a motorcycle license or motorcycle endorsement when
12 operating a motorcycle with an engine displacement of 231 or more
13 cubic centimeters shall be issued a motorcycle license or
14 endorsement without any restriction as to engine displacement.
15 Any person who successfully completes an approved motorcycle
16 safety education course established pursuant to the provisions of
17 section 1 of P.L.1991, c.452 (C.27:5F-36) shall be issued a
18 motorcycle license or endorsement without restriction as to engine
19 displacement.

20 f. A person issued a motorcycle license pursuant to this section
21 may be issued a standard motorcycle license or a REAL ID
22 motorcycle license. The chief administrator shall require an
23 applicant for a standard motorcycle license to provide as proof of
24 the applicant's identity, age, and residence primary and secondary
25 documents, with which the chief administrator shall attribute point
26 values in accordance with the point based identification verification
27 program established pursuant to section 28 of P.L.2003, c.13
28 (C.39:2A-28). The point total required to prove the identity of an
29 applicant for the standard motorcycle license shall be the same for
30 every applicant, regardless of immigration status. In the event that
31 the commission changes the point total threshold, the requirement
32 that every applicant reach the same point total threshold shall
33 remain in effect.

34 In addition to requiring the person to submit satisfactory proof of
35 identity and age, the commission shall require the person to
36 provide:

37 (1) as a condition for obtaining a standard motorcycle license,
38 proof of the person's social security number and one document
39 providing satisfactory proof that the person is a New Jersey
40 resident.

41 If the person does not have a social security number, the person
42 shall either:

43 (a) provide satisfactory proof of an Individual Taxpayer
44 Identification Number; or

45 (b) indicate, in a manner prescribed by the commission and
46 consistent with all other provisions of P.L.2019, c.271 (C.39:3-
47 10o et al.), that the person is not eligible to receive a social security
48 number; or

1 (2) as a condition for obtaining a REAL ID motorcycle license:
2 two documents providing satisfactory proof that the person is a New
3 Jersey resident; proof of the person's social security number or
4 verification of ineligibility for a social security number in
5 accordance with the "REAL ID Act of 2005," Pub.L.109-13, any
6 acts amendatory or supplementary thereto, and any federal
7 regulations adopted thereunder; and proof that the person's presence
8 in the United States is authorized under federal law.

9 A standard motorcycle license shall indicate that the license shall
10 not be accepted as identification for an official purpose, as that term
11 is defined under the "REAL ID Act of 2005," Pub.L.109-13, any
12 acts amendatory or supplementary thereto, and any federal
13 regulations adopted thereunder.

14 g. The commission shall issue a standard basic driver's license
15 or a REAL ID basic driver's license to operate a motor vehicle other
16 than a motorcycle to a person over 18 years of age who previously
17 has not been licensed to drive a motor vehicle in this State or
18 another jurisdiction only if that person has: (1) operated a passenger
19 automobile in compliance with the requirements of this Title for not
20 less than one year, not including any period of suspension or
21 postponement, from the date of issuance of a probationary license
22 pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1950, c.127 (C.39:3-13.4); (2) not been
23 assessed more than two motor vehicle points; (3) not been convicted
24 in the previous year for a violation of R.S.39:4-50, section 2 of
25 P.L.1981, c.512 (C.39:4-50.4a), section 1 of P.L.1992, c.189
26 (C.39:4-50.14), R.S.39:4-129, N.J.S.2C:11-5, section 1 of P.L.2017,
27 c.165 (C.2C:11-5.3), subsection c. of N.J.S.2C:12-1, or any other
28 motor vehicle-related violation the commission determines to be
29 significant and applicable pursuant to regulation; and (4) passed an
30 examination of the applicant's ability to operate a motor vehicle
31 pursuant to this section.

32 h. The commission shall expand the driver's license
33 examination by 20 percent. The additional questions to be added
34 shall consist solely of questions developed in conjunction with the
35 Department of Health concerning the use of alcohol or drugs as
36 related to highway safety. The commission shall develop, in
37 conjunction with the Department of Health, supplements to the
38 driver's manual which shall include information necessary to
39 answer any question on the driver's license examination concerning
40 alcohol or drugs as related to highway safety.

41 Up to 20 questions may be added to the examination on subjects
42 to be determined by the commission that are of particular relevance
43 to youthful drivers, including the importance of operating a motor
44 vehicle in a manner that safely shares the roadway with pedestrians,
45 cyclists, skaters, riders of motorized-scooters, and other non-
46 motorized vehicles, which shall include, but not be limited to,
47 passing a cyclist on the roadway, recognizing bicycle lanes,
48 navigating intersections with pedestrians and cyclists, and exiting a

1 vehicle without endangering pedestrians and cyclists, and the
2 dangers of driving a vehicle in an aggressive manner, which shall
3 include, but not be limited to, unexpectedly altering the speed of a
4 vehicle, making improper or erratic traffic lane changes,
5 disregarding traffic control devices, failing to yield the right of way,
6 and following another vehicle too closely, after consultation with
7 the Director of the Division of Highway Traffic Safety in the
8 Department of Law and Public Safety.

9 The commission shall expand the driver's license examination to
10 include a question asking whether the applicant is aware of the
11 provisions of the "Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act,"
12 P.L.2008, c.50 (C.26:6-77 et al.) and the procedure for indicating on
13 the driver's license the intention to make a donation of body organs
14 or tissues pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1978, c.181 (C.39:3-12.2).

15 The commission shall expand the driver's license examination to
16 include a question asking whether the applicant is aware of the
17 dangers of failing to comply with this State's motor vehicle traffic
18 laws and the "STOP for Nikhil Safety Pledge" set forth in
19 subsection e. of R.S.39:3-41.

20 The commission shall expand the driver's license examination to
21 include questions concerning the dangers of carbon monoxide
22 poisoning from motor vehicles and techniques for the safe operation
23 and proper maintenance of a motor vehicle.

24 i. Any person applying for a driver's license to operate a motor
25 vehicle or motorized bicycle in this State shall surrender to the
26 commission any current driver's license issued to the applicant by
27 another state or jurisdiction upon the applicant's receipt of a driver's
28 license for this State. The commission shall refuse to issue a
29 driver's license if the applicant fails to comply with this provision.
30 An applicant for a permit or license who is under 18 years of age,
31 and who holds a permit or license for a passenger automobile issued
32 by another state or country that is valid or has expired within a time
33 period designated by the commission, shall be subject to the permit
34 and license requirements and penalties applicable to State permit
35 and license applicants who are of the same age; except that if the
36 other state or country has permit or license standards substantially
37 similar to those of this State, the credentials of the other state or
38 country shall be acceptable.

39 j. (1) The commission shall create classified licensing of
40 drivers covering the following classifications:

41 (a) Motorcycles, except that for the purposes of this section,
42 motorcycle shall not include any three-wheeled motor vehicle
43 equipped with a single cab with glazing enclosing the occupant,
44 seats similar to those of a passenger vehicle or truck, seat belts and
45 automotive steering or any vehicle defined as a motorcycle pursuant
46 to R.S.39:1-1 having a motor with a maximum piston displacement
47 that is less than 50 cubic centimeters or a motor that is rated at no

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- 1 more than 1.5 brake horsepower with a maximum speed of no more
2 than 35 miles per hour on a flat surface.
- 3 (b) Omnibuses as classified by R.S.39:3-10.1 and school buses
4 classified under N.J.S.18A:39-1 et seq.
- 5 (c) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1999, c.28)
- 6 (d) All motor vehicles not included in classifications (a) and (b).
7 A license issued pursuant to this classification d. shall be referred to
8 as the "basic driver's license" and may be issued as a standard basic
9 driver's license or a REAL ID basic driver's license.
- 10 (2) Every applicant for a license under classification b. shall be
11 a holder of a basic driver's license. Any issuance of a license under
12 classification b. shall be by endorsement on the person's basic
13 driver's license.
- 14 (3) A driver's license for motorcycles may be issued separately,
15 but if issued to the holder of a basic driver's license, it shall be by
16 endorsement on the person's basic driver's license. The holder of a
17 basic driver's license or a separately issued motorcycle license shall
18 be authorized to operate a motorcycle having a motor with a
19 maximum piston displacement that is less than 50 cubic centimeters
20 or a motor that is rated at no more than 1.5 brake horsepower with a
21 maximum speed no more than 35 miles per hour on a flat surface.
- 22 k. The commission, upon payment of the lawful fee and after it
23 or a person authorized by it has examined the applicant and is
24 satisfied of the applicant's ability as an operator, may, in its
25 discretion, issue a license to the applicant to drive a motor vehicle.
26 The license shall authorize the person to drive any registered
27 vehicle, of the kind or kinds indicated.
- 28 l. The license shall expire, except as otherwise provided,
29 during the fourth calendar year following the date in which the
30 license was issued and on the same calendar day as the person's date
31 of birth. If the person's date of birth does not correspond to a
32 calendar day of the fourth calendar year, the license shall expire on
33 the last day of the person's birth month.
- 34 The commission may, at its discretion and for good cause shown,
35 issue licenses that expire on a date fixed by it. If the commission
36 issues a REAL ID basic driver's license or REAL ID motorcycle
37 license to a person who has demonstrated authorization to be
38 present in the United States for a period of time shorter than the
39 standard period of the license, the commission shall fix the
40 expiration date of the license at a date based on the period in which
41 the person is authorized to be present in the United States under
42 federal immigration laws. The commission may renew the person's
43 REAL ID basic driver's license or REAL ID motorcycle license
44 only if it is demonstrated that the person's continued presence in the
45 United States is authorized under federal law. The fee for licenses
46 with expiration dates fixed by the commission shall be fixed by the
47 commission in amounts proportionately less or greater than the fee
48 herein established.

1 m. The required fee for a license for the license period shall be
2 as follows, subject to adjustment pursuant to section 16 of
3 P.L.2007, c.335 (C.39:2A-36.1):

4 Standard motorcycle license or endorsement: \$18.

5 REAL ID motorcycle license: \$29.

6 Omnibus or school bus endorsement: \$18.

7 Standard basic driver's license: \$18.

8 REAL ID basic driver's license: \$29.

9 The commission shall waive the payment of fees for issuance of
10 omnibus endorsements whenever an applicant establishes to the
11 commission's satisfaction that the applicant will use the omnibus
12 endorsement exclusively for operating omnibuses owned by a
13 nonprofit organization duly incorporated under Title 15 or 16 of the
14 Revised Statutes or Title 15A of the New Jersey Statutes.

15 The commission shall waive the payment of fees for the issuance
16 and renewal of a standard motorcycle license or endorsement or
17 REAL ID motorcycle license whenever the applicant establishes to
18 the commission's satisfaction that the applicant has been discharged
19 honorably or under honorable conditions in any branch of the
20 Armed Forces of the United States, or a Reserve component thereof,
21 or the National Guard of this State or another state as defined in
22 section 1 of P.L.1963, c.109 (C.38A:1-1), as certified on: the
23 applicant's DD-214, DD-215, or DD-256 form as issued by the
24 federal government, NGB-22, or other approved separation forms as
25 outlined by all branches of the Armed Forces; a county-issued
26 veteran identification card pursuant to P.L.2012, c.30 (C.40A:9-
27 78.1 et seq.) or a veteran identification card as issued by the United
28 States Department of Veterans Affairs under the "Veterans
29 Identification Card Act of 2015," (38 U.S.C. s.5706); or a
30 Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty.

31 n. The commission shall issue licenses for the following
32 license period on and after the first day of the calendar month
33 immediately preceding the commencement of the period, the
34 licenses to be effective immediately.

35 o. All applications for renewals of licenses shall be made in a
36 manner prescribed by the commission and in accordance with
37 procedures established by it.

38 p. The commission in its discretion may refuse to grant a
39 permit or license to drive motor vehicles to a person who is, in its
40 estimation, not a proper person to be granted a permit or license, but
41 a defect of the applicant shall not debar the applicant from receiving
42 a permit or license unless it can be shown by tests approved by the
43 commission that the defect incapacitates the applicant from safely
44 operating a motor vehicle.

45 q. A person issued a basic driver's license pursuant to this
46 section may be issued a standard basic driver's license or a REAL
47 ID basic driver's license. The chief administrator shall require an
48 applicant for a standard basic driver's license to provide as proof of

1 the applicant's identity, age, and residence primary and secondary
2 documents, with which the chief administrator shall attribute point
3 values in accordance with the point based identification verification
4 program established pursuant to section 28 of P.L.2003, c.13
5 (C.39:2A-28). The point total required to prove the identity of an
6 applicant for the standard basic driver's license shall be the same for
7 every applicant, regardless of immigration status. In the event that
8 the commission changes the point total threshold, the requirement
9 that every applicant reach the same point total threshold shall
10 remain in effect.

11 r. In addition to requiring an applicant for a driver's license to
12 submit satisfactory proof of identity and age, the commission also
13 shall require the applicant to provide:

14 (1) as a condition for obtaining a permit and standard basic
15 driver's license, proof of the person's social security number and
16 one document providing satisfactory proof that the applicant is a
17 New Jersey resident. If the person does not have a social security
18 number, the person shall either:

19 (a) provide satisfactory proof of an Individual Taxpayer
20 Identification Number; or

21 (b) indicate, in a manner prescribed by the commission and
22 consistent with all other provisions of P.L.2019, c.271 (C.39:3-
23 10o et al.), that the person is not eligible to receive a social security
24 number; or

25 (2) as a condition for obtaining a REAL ID basic driver's
26 license: two documents providing satisfactory proof that the
27 applicant is a New Jersey resident; proof of the applicant's social
28 security number or verification of ineligibility for a social security
29 number in accordance with the "REAL ID Act of 2005," Pub.L.109-
30 13, any acts amendatory or supplementary thereto, and any federal
31 regulations adopted thereunder; and proof that the applicant's
32 presence in the United States is authorized under federal law.

33 s. A standard basic driver's license shall indicate that the
34 license shall not be accepted as identification for an official
35 purpose, as that term is defined under the "REAL ID Act of 2005,"
36 Pub.L.109-13, any acts amendatory or supplementary thereto, and
37 any federal regulations adopted thereunder.

38 t. If the commission has reasonable cause to suspect that any
39 document presented by an applicant pursuant to this section is
40 altered, false, or otherwise invalid, the commission shall refuse to
41 grant the permit or license until the time when the document may be
42 verified by the issuing agency to the commission's satisfaction.

43 u. A person violating this section shall be subject to a fine not
44 exceeding \$500 or imprisonment in the county jail for not more
45 than 60 days, but if that person has never been licensed to drive in
46 this State or any other jurisdiction, the applicant shall be subject to
47 a fine of not less than \$200 and, in addition, the court shall issue an
48 order to the commission requiring the commission to refuse to issue

1 a license to operate a motor vehicle to the person for a period of not
2 less than 180 days. The penalties provided for by this paragraph
3 shall not be applicable in cases where failure to have actual
4 possession of the operator's license is due to an administrative or
5 technical error by the commission.

6 v. Nothing in this section shall be construed to alter or extend
7 the expiration of any license issued prior to the date this
8 amendatory and supplementary act becomes operative.

9 w. Any documents and personal information, including an
10 applicant's photograph, obtained by the commission from an
11 applicant for a standard basic driver's license or standard
12 motorcycle license shall be confidential, shall not be considered a
13 government record pursuant to P.L.1963, c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.),
14 P.L.2001, c.404 (C.47:1A-5 et al.), or the common law concerning
15 access to government records, and shall not be disclosed by the
16 commission for any purpose related to Title 8 of the United States
17 Code without the informed consent of the applicant, a warrant
18 signed by a State or federal judge, or a lawful court order or
19 subpoena; except that nothing in this section shall be construed to
20 prohibit, or in any way restrict, any action where such prohibition
21 or restriction would be contrary to federal law; and except that
22 information under this subsection may be shared in accordance with
23 section 2 of P.L.2021, c.139 (C.39:2-3.9). When responding to a
24 warrant, court order, or subpoena, the commission may disclose
25 only those records or information specifically requested in the
26 warrant, court order, or subpoena.

27 Possession of a standard basic driver's license or standard
28 motorcycle license issued pursuant to this section shall not be
29 considered evidence of an individual's citizenship or immigration
30 status and shall not be used as a basis for an investigation, arrest,
31 citation, prosecution, or detention.

32 Information regarding an applicant's Individual Tax
33 Identification Number, social security number, or ineligibility to
34 receive a social security number obtained by the commission for the
35 issuance of a standard motorcycle license or standard basic driver's
36 license pursuant to this section, shall not be considered a
37 government record pursuant to P.L.1963, c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.),
38 P.L.2001, c.404 (C.47:1A-5 et al.), or the common law concerning
39 access to government records, and shall not be disclosed by the
40 commission except where: (1) required by section 11 of P.L.1998,
41 c.1 (C.2A:17-56.60); (2) the applicant provides written informed
42 consent to the disclosure; (3) the requesting entity presents a
43 warrant signed by a State or federal judge, a lawful court order, or a
44 subpoena; (4) required by State or federal law, and to the extent that
45 the disclosure may be necessary to permit the State to participate in
46 the National Driver Register program, as set forth in 49 U.S.C.
47 s.30301 et seq.; (5) the disclosure is in connection with an audit or
48 investigation of identity fraud, driver's license fraud, or non-driver

1 identification card fraud; or (6) consistent with section 2 of
2 P.L.2021, c.139 (C.39:2-3.9).

3 x. As used in this section:

4 "Parking sensors" means proximity sensors which use either
5 electromagnetic or ultrasonic technology and are designed to alert
6 the driver to obstacles while parking.

7 "Rear visibility system" means devices or components installed
8 on a motor vehicle at the time of manufacture that allow a forward
9 facing driver to view a visual image of the area directly behind the
10 vehicle.

11 (cf: P.L.2021, c.139, s.4)

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13 2. Section 1 of P.L.2017, c.193 (C.39:3-27.148) is amended to
14 read as follows:

15 1. a. Upon proper application, the Chief Administrator of the
16 New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall issue Military Veteran
17 motorcycle license plates for any motorcycle owned or leased and
18 registered in this State. In addition to the registration number and
19 other markings or identification otherwise prescribed by law, the
20 license plate shall display the words, "U.S. Vet" along with an
21 image or other pictorial representation of the flag of the United
22 States of America. The chief administrator, in consultation with the
23 Adjutant General of the Department of Military and Veterans'
24 Affairs, shall select the design of the Military Veteran motorcycle
25 license plates. The Military Veteran motorcycle license plates shall
26 be subject to the provisions of chapter 3 of Title 39 of the Revised
27 Statutes, except as hereinafter otherwise specifically provided.

28 b. Application for issuance of a Military Veteran motorcycle
29 license plate shall be made to the chief administrator on forms and
30 in a manner prescribed by the chief administrator. The application
31 shall include proof satisfactory to the chief administrator that the
32 applicant has been discharged honorably or under general honorable
33 conditions in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States,
34 or a Reserve component thereof, or the National Guard of this State
35 or another state as defined in section 1 of P.L.1963, c.109
36 (C.38A:1-1), as certified on the applicant's DD-214, DD-215, or
37 DD-256 form as issued by the federal government, NGB-22₂,
38 or other approved separation forms as outlined by all branches of the
39 Armed Forces, a county-issued veteran identification card pursuant
40 to P.L.2012, c.30 (C.40A:9-78.1 et seq.), or a veteran identification
41 card as issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs
42 under the "Veterans Identification Card Act of 2015," (38 U.S.C.
43 s.5706)₂, or on a Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active
44 Duty. **I**n order to be deemed complete, an application shall be
45 accompanied by a fee of \$50, payable to the New Jersey Motor
46 Vehicle Commission, which shall be in addition to the fee otherwise
47 prescribed by law for the registration of a motorcycle. The chief
48 administrator shall collect annually, subsequent to the year of

1 issuance of the Military Veteran motorcycle license plate, a \$10
2 fee】 There shall be no charge for the license plate 【in addition to】 ,
3 except the fee otherwise prescribed by law for the registration of a
4 motorcycle. 【The additional fees required by this subsection shall
5 be deposited in the "Military Veteran Motorcycle License Plate
6 Fund" created pursuant to subsection c. of this section.】

7 The surviving spouse of a deceased veteran, who is eligible to
8 operate a motorcycle in this State under the provisions of R.S.39:3-
9 10, may retain the Military Veteran motorcycle license plates
10 obtained by the deceased spouse pursuant to this section for display
11 on a motorcycle owned or leased by the surviving spouse.

12 c. 【There is created in the Department of the Treasury a special
13 non-lapsing fund to be known as the "Military Veteran Motorcycle
14 License Plate Fund." There shall be deposited in the fund the
15 amount collected from all license plate fees collected pursuant to
16 subsection b. of this section, less the amounts necessary to
17 reimburse the commission for administrative costs pursuant to
18 subsection d. of this section. Monies deposited in the fund shall be
19 appropriated annually to the Department of Military and Veterans'
20 Affairs and shall be used to support programs benefiting military
21 veterans. Monies deposited in the fund shall be held in interest-
22 bearing accounts in a public depository as defined pursuant to
23 section 1 of P.L.1970, c.236 (C.17:9-41), and may be invested or
24 reinvested in securities approved by the State Treasurer. Interest or
25 other income earned on monies deposited into the fund, and any
26 monies which may be appropriated or otherwise become available
27 for the purposes of the fund, shall be credited to and deposited in
28 the fund for use as set forth in P.L.2017, c.193 (C.39:3-
29 27.148 et seq.).】 (Deleted by amendment, P.L. , c.) (pending
30 before the Legislature as this bill)

31 d. 【Prior to the deposit of the additional fees collected pursuant
32 to subsection b. of this section into the "Military Veteran
33 Motorcycle License Plate Fund," amounts thereof as are necessary
34 shall be used to reimburse the commission for all costs reasonably
35 and actually incurred, as stipulated by the chief administrator, for:

36 (1) designing, producing, issuing, renewing, and publicizing the
37 availability of the Military Veteran motorcycle license plates; and

38 (2) any computer programming changes that may be initially
39 necessary to implement the Military Veteran motorcycle license
40 plate program in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.】

41 The chief administrator shall annually certify to the State
42 Treasurer the average cost per license plate incurred in the
43 immediately preceding year by the commission in producing,
44 issuing, renewing, and publicizing the availability of the Military
45 Veteran motorcycle license plates. The annual certification of the
46 average cost per license plate shall be approved by the Joint Budget
47 Oversight Committee, or its successor.

1 **【**In the event that the average cost per license plate as certified
2 by the chief administrator and approved by the Joint Budget
3 Oversight Committee, or its successor, is greater than the \$50
4 application fee established in subsection b. of this section in two
5 consecutive fiscal years, the chief administrator may discontinue
6 the issuance of Military Veteran motorcycle license plates.**】**

7 e. The chief administrator shall notify eligible motorists of the
8 opportunity to obtain Military Veteran motorcycle license plates by
9 publicizing the availability of the license plates on the commission's
10 website. The Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs, and any
11 other individual or entity designated by the department, may
12 publicize the availability of the Military Veteran motorcycle license
13 plates in any manner that the department deems appropriate.

14 f. The chief administrator and adjutant general shall develop
15 and enter into an inter-departmental memorandum of agreement
16 setting forth the procedures to be followed in carrying out their
17 respective responsibilities under P.L.2017, c.193 (C.39:3-
18 27.148 et seq.).

19 g. The adjutant general shall appoint a representative who shall
20 act as a liaison between the Department of Military and Veterans'
21 Affairs and the commission. The liaison shall represent the
22 department in any and all communications with the commission
23 regarding the Military Veteran motorcycle license plates established
24 by P.L.2017, c.193 (C.39:3-27.148 et seq.).
25 (cf: P.L.2019, c.500, s.5)

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27 3. Section 2 of P.L.2017, c.193 (C.39:3-27.149) is amended to
28 read as follows:

29 2. a. **【**No State or public funds shall be used by the New Jersey
30 Motor Vehicle Commission for the initial cost of:**】** (Deleted by
31 amendment, P.L. _____, c. _____) (pending before the Legislature as this
32 bill)

33 (1) **【**designing, producing, issuing, and publicizing the
34 availability of Military Veteran motorcycle license plates; or**】**
35 (Deleted by amendment, P.L. _____, c. _____) (pending before the
36 Legislature as this bill)

37 (2) **【**any computer programming changes which may be
38 necessary to implement the Military Veteran motorcycle license
39 plate program established by P.L.2017, c.193 (C.39:3-
40 27.148 et seq.).**】** (Deleted by amendment, P.L. _____, c. _____) (pending
41 before the Legislature as this bill)

42 b. An individual or entity designated by the Department of
43 Military and Veterans' Affairs **【shall】** may contribute non-public
44 monies in an amount to be determined by the chief administrator,
45 not to exceed a total of \$25,000, to be used to offset the initial costs
46 incurred by the commission for designing, producing, issuing, and
47 publicizing the availability of Military Veteran motorcycle license

1 plates, and any computer programming which may be necessary to
2 implement the program. Concerned organizations and individual
3 donors may contribute monies to the department to be used to offset
4 the initial costs incurred by the commission for the Military Veteran
5 motorcycle license plates authorized by P.L.2017, c.193 (C.39:3-
6 27.148 et seq.). **【Any amount remaining after the payment of the**
7 **initial cost shall be deposited in the "Military Veteran Motorcycle**
8 **License Plate Fund" established pursuant to subsection c. of section**
9 **1 of P.L.2017, c.193 (C.39:3-27.148).】**

10 c. **【The】** Notwithstanding the provisions of section 3 of
11 P.L.2017, c.193 to the contrary, the commission shall **【not】** begin
12 designing, producing, issuing, **【or】** and publicizing the availability
13 of Military Veteran motorcycle license plates, **【or】** and making any
14 necessary programming changes, **【until】** when the following
15 requirements have been met:

16 (1) The individual or entity designated by the Department of
17 Military and Veterans' Affairs has provided the commission with
18 the money necessary, as determined by the chief administrator
19 pursuant to subsection b. of this section, to offset the initial costs
20 incurred by the commission in establishing the Military Veteran
21 motorcycle license plate program; and

22 (2) The liaison appointed by the department pursuant to
23 subsection g. of section 1 of P.L.2017, c.193 (C.39:3-27.148) has
24 provided the commission with not less than 500 completed
25 applications for Military Veteran motorcycle license plates. These
26 applications shall constitute the initial order for Military Veteran
27 motorcycle license plates **【and shall be accompanied by a fee**
28 **representing the total cost of the initial order. The fee shall be**
29 **determined by multiplying the number of sets of license plates**
30 **being ordered by the applicable initial fee for each set of license**
31 **plates as set forth in subsection b. of section 1 of P.L.2017, c.193**
32 **(C.39:3-27.148)】**.

33 (cf: P.L.2017, c.193, s.2)

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35 4. This act shall take effect immediately, but shall apply to
36 those motorcycle licenses and Military Veteran motorcycle license
37 plates issued after the effective date of this act.

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STATEMENT

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42 This bill requires the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission
43 (MVC) to provide motorcycle licenses and Military Veteran
44 motorcycle license plates to certain veterans free of charge.

45 The bill requires MVC to waive the payment of fees for the
46 issuance of a Standard motorcycle license or endorsement or REAL
47 ID motorcycle license whenever the applicant establishes that the

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1 applicant has been discharged honorably or under general honorable
2 conditions in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States,
3 or a Reserve component thereof, or the National Guard of this State
4 or another state, as certified on the applicant's DD-214, DD-215, or
5 DD-256 form as issued by the federal government, NGB-22, or
6 other approved separation forms as outlined by all branches of the
7 Armed Forces, a county-issued veteran identification card, or a
8 veteran identification card as issued by the United States
9 Department of Veterans Affairs under the "Veterans Identification
10 Card Act of 2015," or on a Certificate of Release or Discharge from
11 Active Duty.

12 The bill eliminates the \$50 application fee and \$10 renewal fee
13 for the purchase of Military Veteran motorcycle license plates,
14 except those fees otherwise required by law for the registration of
15 motorcycles, for the aforementioned group of veterans.
16 Notwithstanding the provisions of existing law, the bill also
17 requires the MVC to begin the design, production, and issuance
18 process of the Military Veteran motor cycle license plates upon the
19 receipt of 500 applications for the Military Veteran motorcycle
20 license plates.