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SYNOPSIS

Eliminates fee for special plates for firefighters and members of first aid or rescue squads.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning specialty licenses plates for firefighters and
2 members of first aid or rescue squads and amending P.L.1977,
3 c.369.

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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. Section 1 of P.L.1977, c.369 (C.39:3-27.8) is amended as
9 follows:

10 1. Upon the application of any person who is a compensated,
11 partially compensated or volunteer member of any fire department
12 in this State, the **[director]** Chief Administrator of the New Jersey
13 Motor Vehicle Commission may issue for a motor vehicle owned or
14 leased by **[such]** the person, or owned by the spouse or parent
15 thereof, or owned by a business firm of which **[such]** the person is
16 the principal owner or stockholder a license plate bearing a Maltese
17 Cross and the letters "F.D." The design and color for **[such]** the
18 plate shall be approved by the **[director]** chief administrator.

19 Upon the application of any person who is a compensated,
20 partially compensated or volunteer member of any first aid or
21 rescue squad in this State, the **[director]** chief administrator may
22 issue for a motor vehicle owned or leased by **[such]** the person, or
23 owned by the spouse or parent thereof, or owned by a business firm
24 of which **[such]** the person is the principal owner or stockholder a
25 special license plate. The design for **[such]** the plate shall be
26 approved by the **[director]** chief administrator.

27 (cf: P.L.1983, c.74, s.1)

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29 2. Section 2 of P.L.1977, c.369 (C.39:3-27.9) is amended as
30 follows:

31 2. The special plate authorized by **[this act]** P.L.1977, c.369
32 (C.39:3-27.8 et seq.) may be issued upon proof, satisfactory to the
33 **[director]** chief administrator, that the applicant is presently a bona
34 fide member of a fire fighting department or first aid or rescue
35 squad in this State. **[The fee for such plate shall be \$15.00 in**
36 **addition to the]** There shall be no additional fee imposed for the
37 special plate, except for any fees otherwise prescribed by law for
38 the registration of [such] the motor vehicle.

39 (cf: P.L.1979, c. 447, s. 2)

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41 3. Section 3 of P.L.1977, c.369 (C.39:3-27.10) is amended as
42 follows:

43 3. Any person lawfully in possession of **[such]** the special
44 plate who resigns, is removed or otherwise terminates or is

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 terminated from his association with **【such】** the fire department or
2 first aid or rescue squad, shall return **【such】** the special plate to the
3 **【division】** commission within 15 days.
4 (cf: P.L.1979, c.447, s.3)
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6 4. This act shall take effect immediately.
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9 STATEMENT
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11 This bill eliminates the fee imposed by the New Jersey Motor
12 Vehicle Commission for the issuance of a special license plate for
13 any person who is a compensated, partially compensated, or
14 volunteer member of any fire department in this State (firefighter)
15 or any person who is a compensated, partially compensated, or
16 volunteer member of any first aid or rescue squad in this State.

17 Under current law, firefighters and members of any first aid or
18 rescue squad in this State may apply for and receive the special
19 license plate, which costs \$15 in addition to other fees prescribed by
20 law for the registration of the firefighter's or member's vehicle.

21 This bill would allow firefighters and members of any first aid or
22 rescue squad in this State to apply for and receive the special
23 license plate for no additional cost, except for any fees prescribed
24 by law for the registration of the firefighter's or member's vehicle.