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SYNOPSIS

Authorizes creation of “250th Anniversary Revolutionary War” license plates.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning the creation of special 250th Anniversary
2 Revolutionary War license plates and supplementing Title 39 of
3 the Revised 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 250th
10 Anniversary Revolutionary War license plates for any motor vehicle
11 owned or leased and registered in the State. In addition to the
12 registration number and other markings or identification otherwise
13 prescribed by law, the license plate shall display appropriate words
14 or a slogan and an emblem representative of the American
15 Revolutionary War. The chief administrator shall select the design,
16 including an emblem and color scheme, in consultation with New
17 Jersey Historical Commission in the Department of State. The
18 250th Anniversary Revolutionary War license plates shall be
19 subject to the provisions of chapter 3 of Title 39 of the Revised
20 Statutes, except as hereinafter otherwise specifically provided.

21 b. Application for issuance of the 250th Anniversary
22 Revolutionary War license plates shall be made to the chief
23 administrator on forms and in a manner prescribed by the chief
24 administrator. In order to be deemed complete, an application shall
25 be accompanied by a fee of \$50, payable to the New Jersey Motor
26 Vehicle Commission, which shall be in addition to the fees
27 otherwise prescribed by law for the registration of a motor vehicle.

28 The chief administrator shall collect annually, subsequent to the
29 year of issuance of the 250th Anniversary Revolutionary War
30 license plates, a \$10 fee for the license plates in addition to the fees
31 otherwise prescribed by law for the registration of a motor vehicle.
32 The additional fees required by this subsection shall be deposited in
33 the "250th Anniversary Revolutionary War License Plate Fund"
34 created pursuant to subsection c. of this section.

35 c. There is created in the Department of the Treasury a special
36 non-lapsing fund to be known as the "250th Anniversary
37 Revolutionary War License Plate Fund." There shall be deposited
38 in the fund the amount collected from all license plate fees collected
39 pursuant to subsection b. of this section, less the amounts necessary
40 to reimburse the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission for the
41 administrative costs pursuant to subsection d. of this section.
42 Monies deposited in the fund shall be appropriated annually to
43 support and preserve Revolutionary War sites throughout New
44 Jersey. Monies deposited in the fund shall be held in interest
45 bearing accounts in public depositories as defined pursuant to
46 section 1 of P.L.1970, c.236 (C.17:9-41), and may be invested or
47 reinvested in such securities as are approved by the State Treasurer.
48 Interest or other income earned on monies deposited in the fund,

1 and any monies which may be appropriated or otherwise become
2 available for the purposes of the fund, shall be credited to and
3 deposited in the fund for use as set forth in this section.

4 d. Prior to the deposit of the additional fees collected pursuant
5 to subsection b. of this section into the “250th Anniversary
6 Revolutionary War License Plate Fund,” amounts thereof as are
7 necessary shall be used to reimburse the New Jersey Motor Vehicle
8 Commission for all costs reasonably and actually incurred, as
9 stipulated by the chief administrator, for:

10 (1) designing, producing, issuing, renewing, and publicizing the
11 availability of the 250th Anniversary Revolutionary War license
12 plates; and

13 (2) any computer programming changes that may be initially
14 necessary to implement the 250th Anniversary Revolutionary War
15 license plate program in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

16 The chief administrator shall annually certify to the State
17 Treasurer the average cost per license plate incurred in the
18 immediately preceding year by the New Jersey Motor Vehicle
19 Commission in producing, issuing, renewing, and publicizing the
20 availability of the 250th Anniversary Revolutionary War license
21 plates. The annual certification of the average cost per license plate
22 shall be approved by the Joint Budget Oversight Committee, or its
23 successor.

24 In the event that the average cost per license plate as certified by
25 the chief administrator and approved by the Joint Budget Oversight
26 Committee, or its successor, is greater than the \$50 application fee
27 established in subsection b. of this section in two consecutive fiscal
28 years, the chief administrator may discontinue the issuance of 250th
29 Anniversary Revolutionary War license plates.

30 e. The chief administrator shall notify eligible motorists of the
31 opportunity to obtain 250th Anniversary Revolutionary War license
32 plates by publicizing the availability of the license plates on the
33 website of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission. The New
34 Jersey Historical Commission, and any other individual or entity
35 designated by the New Jersey Historical Commission, may
36 publicize the availability of the license plates in any manner the
37 New Jersey Historical Commission deems appropriate.

38 f. The chief administrator and the Chair of the New Jersey
39 Historical Commission shall develop and enter into a memorandum
40 of agreement setting forth the procedures to be followed in carrying
41 out their respective responsibilities under P.L. , c. (C.)
42 (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

43 g. The Chair of the New Jersey Historical Commission shall
44 appoint a representative who shall act as a liaison between the New
45 Jersey Historical Commission and the New Jersey Motor Vehicle
46 Commission. The liaison shall represent the New Jersey Historical
47 Commission in any and all communications with the New Jersey
48 Motor Vehicle Commission regarding the license plates established

1 by P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this
2 bill).

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4 2. a. State or public funds shall not be used by the New Jersey
5 Motor Vehicle Commission for the initial cost of:

6 (1) designing, producing, issuing, and publicizing the
7 availability of 250th Anniversary Revolutionary War license plates;
8 or

9 (2) any computer programming changes which may be
10 necessary to implement the 250th Anniversary Revolutionary War
11 license plate program established by P.L. , c. (C.)
12 (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

13 b. The New Jersey Historical Commission, or an individual or
14 entity designated by the New Jersey Historical Commission, shall
15 contribute non-public monies in an amount to be determined by the
16 chief administrator, not to exceed a total of \$25,000, to be used to
17 offset the initial costs incurred by the New Jersey Motor Vehicle
18 Commission for designing, producing, issuing, and publicizing the
19 availability of 250th Anniversary Revolutionary War license plates,
20 and any computer programming which may be necessary to
21 implement the program. Concerned organizations and individual
22 donors may contribute monies to the New Jersey Historical
23 Commission to be used to offset the initial costs incurred by the
24 New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission for the 250th Anniversary
25 Revolutionary War license plates authorized by P.L. ,
26 c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill). Any
27 amount remaining after the payment of the initial cost shall be
28 deposited in the “250th Anniversary Revolutionary War License
29 Plate Fund” established pursuant to subsection c. of section 1 of
30 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

31 c. The New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall not begin
32 designing, producing, issuing, or publicizing the availability of
33 250th Anniversary Revolutionary War license plates, or making any
34 necessary programming changes, until the following requirements
35 have been met:

36 (1) The New Jersey Historical Commission, or the individual or
37 entity designated by the New Jersey Historical Commission, has
38 provided the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission with the
39 money necessary, as determined by the chief administrator pursuant
40 to subsection b. of this section, to offset the initial costs incurred by
41 the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission in establishing the
42 250th Anniversary Revolutionary War license plate program; and

43 (2) The liaison appointed by the Chair of the New Jersey
44 Historical Commission pursuant to subsection g. of section 1 of
45 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)
46 has provided the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission with not
47 less than 500 completed applications for 250th Anniversary
48 Revolutionary War license plates. These applications shall

1 constitute the initial order for 250th Anniversary Revolutionary
2 War license plates and shall be accompanied by a fee representing
3 the total cost of the initial order. The fee shall be determined by
4 multiplying the number of sets of license plates being ordered by
5 the applicable initial fee for each set of license plates as set forth in
6 subsection b. of section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before
7 the Legislature as this bill).

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9 3. This act shall take effect immediately, but shall remain
10 inoperative until the first day of the 13th month following the date
11 on which the conditions set forth in paragraphs (1) and (2) of
12 subsection c. of section 2 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before
13 the Legislature as this bill) have been satisfied. The chief
14 administrator may take such anticipatory actions in advance of that
15 date as may be necessary for the timely implementation of
16 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).
17 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)
18 shall expire if the conditions set forth in paragraphs (1) and (2) of
19 subsection c. of section 2 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before
20 the Legislature as this bill) are not satisfied by the last day of the
21 12th month following enactment.

22 23 24 STATEMENT

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26 This bill requires the Chief Administrator (chief administrator)
27 of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) to issue
28 250th Anniversary Revolutionary War license plates. The design of
29 the license plate is to be chosen by the chief administrator, in
30 consultation with the New Jersey Historical Commission (historical
31 commission) in the Department of State.

32 In addition to the required motor vehicle registration fees, there
33 is an application fee of \$50 and an annual renewal fee of \$10 for the
34 license plates. After deducting the costs to implement the plates,
35 the additional fees collected are to be deposited into the "250th
36 Anniversary Revolutionary War License Plate Fund." The proceeds
37 of the fund are to be appropriated annually to support and preserve
38 Revolutionary War sites throughout New Jersey.

39 The chief administrator is required to annually certify the
40 average cost of producing, issuing, renewing, and publicizing the
41 availability of the specialty license plates. If the average cost per
42 plate exceeds \$50 in two consecutive fiscal years, the chief
43 administrator may discontinue the license plate program. The bill
44 also requires that the Chair of the New Jersey Historical
45 Commission appoint a liaison to represent the historical
46 commission in all communications with the MVC regarding the
47 license plates.

1 The bill provides that State or other public funds may not be
2 used by the MVC for the initial cost to implement the license plate
3 program. The bill requires the historical commission, or an
4 individual or entity designated by the historical commission, to
5 contribute non-public monies, not to exceed \$25,000, to offset the
6 initial costs to design, produce, issue, and publicize the license
7 plates and for any computer programming necessary to implement
8 the program. The bill authorizes the historical commission to
9 receive funds from private sources to be used to offset the initial
10 costs.

11 The MVC is not required to design, produce, issue, or publicize
12 the availability of the license plates, or make any necessary
13 programming changes, until: (1) the historical commission, or an
14 individual or entity designated by the historical commission, has
15 provided the MVC with the money necessary to offset the initial
16 costs incurred by the MVC in establishing the license plate
17 program; and (2) the historical commission has provided the MVC
18 with a minimum of 500 completed applications for the license
19 plates, upon the availability for purchase of those license plates.

20 The provisions of the bill will remain inoperative until the first
21 day of the 13th month following the date when the appropriate
22 applications and fees required to offset the initial costs incurred by
23 the MVC are provided by the historical commission or its designee.
24 The bill expires on the last day of the 12th month following the
25 bill's enactment if sufficient applications and fees to offset the
26 initial costs are not received by that date.