

CHAPTER 354

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

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

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

C.39:3-27.8 Special license plate; fire department, first aid or rescue squad; member, spouse, parent or business firm.

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

Upon the application of any person who is a compensated, partially compensated, or volunteer member of any first aid or rescue squad in this State, the chief administrator may issue for a motor vehicle owned or leased by the person, or owned by the spouse or parent thereof, or owned by a business firm of which the person is the principal owner or stockholder a special license plate. The design for the plate shall be approved by the chief administrator.

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

C.39:3-27.9 Issuance; proof of membership; fees.

2. a. The special plate authorized by P.L.1977, c.369 (C.39:3-27.8 et seq.) may be issued upon proof, satisfactory to the chief administrator, that the applicant is presently a bona fide member of a fire fighting department or first aid or rescue squad in this State. There shall be no additional fee imposed for the special plate, except for any fees otherwise prescribed by law for the registration of the motor vehicle.

b. An individual issued a special plate pursuant to subsection a. of this section shall be required to annually renew the special plate. The renewal shall require submission of proof, as determined by the chief administrator, that demonstrates that the individual remains a bona fide member of a fire fighting department or first aid or rescue squad in this State.

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

C.39:3-27.10 Termination of association; return of special plate.

3. Any person lawfully in possession of the special plate who resigns, is removed, or otherwise terminates or is terminated from his association with the fire department or first aid or rescue squad, shall return the special plate to the commission within 15 days.

4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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