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SYNOPSIS

Establishes special license plates for honorably discharged veterans.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 AN ACT providing for the issuance of special license plates to
2 honorably discharged veterans and supplementing chapter 3 of
3 Title 39 of 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 application of any person who is classified as a
9 veteran, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1987, c.444 (C.38A:3-1.2) as
10 evidenced by the applicant's DD-214 form or on a Certificate of
11 Release or Discharge from Active Duty, and has been honorably
12 discharged, the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor
13 Vehicle Commission shall issue, for a motor vehicle owned or
14 leased by the person, distinctive license plates of a design
15 determined by the Adjutant General of the Department of Military
16 and Veterans' Affairs in consultation with the chief administrator.
17 In addition to the registration number and other markings or
18 identification prescribed by law, the license plates shall bear the
19 word "Veteran" and designate, by name and insignia, the branch of
20 the military in which the veteran served.

21 b. There shall be a fee of \$15 to the applicant for these special
22 plates in addition to the fees otherwise prescribed by law for the
23 registration of motor vehicles. The chief administrator shall retain
24 from the fees collected such sums as are necessary to defray all
25 costs incurred by the commission in producing and issuing these
26 special license plates.

27 c. The surviving spouse of a deceased veteran, who is eligible
28 to operate a motor vehicle in this State under the provisions of
29 R.S.39:3-10, may retain the special license plates obtained by the
30 deceased spouse pursuant to this section for display on a motor
31 vehicle owned or leased by the surviving spouse.

32 d. The chief administrator shall notify motorists of the
33 opportunity to obtain these plates by including a notice with all
34 registration renewals, and by posting appropriate posters or signs in
35 all commission facilities and offices.

36 e. The chief administrator shall promulgate rules and
37 regulations governing the issuance and use of these special license
38 plates.

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40 2. This act shall take effect on the 180th day following
41 enactment.

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STATEMENT

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46 This bill authorizes the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey
47 Motor Vehicle Commission (chief administrator) to issue special
48 license plates to honorably discharged veterans.

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1 The license plates are required to bear a design determined by
2 the Adjutant General of the Department of Military and Veterans'
3 Affairs, in consultation with the chief administrator, identifying the
4 registrant as a veteran and designate, by name and insignia, the
5 branch of the military in which the veteran served, in addition to
6 other markings or identification otherwise prescribed by law. The
7 bill requires a \$15 application fee to obtain the special plates, in
8 addition to the normal registration fee. The bill authorizes the chief
9 administrator to promulgate rules and regulations governing the
10 issuance and use of these plates.

11 The bill also allows surviving spouses of deceased veterans to
12 retain the special license plates.