STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1022

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 25, 2024

The Senate Transportation Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1022.

As reported, this bill authorizes the Chief Administrator (chief administrator) of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (commission) to issue special license plates to honorably discharged veterans.

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

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

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2024-2025 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.