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C.39:3-27.172
and 39:3-27.173
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Repealer
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Note to ss.1,2

P.L. 2026, CHAPTER 62, *approved July 30, 2026*
Assembly, No. 1738

1 **AN ACT** authorizing the creation and issuance of Delta Sigma Theta
2 Sorority, Inc. license plates, supplementing Title 39 of the
3 Revised Statutes, and repealing P.L.2018, c.109.
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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 Delta Sigma
10 Theta Sorority, Inc. license plates for any motor vehicle owned or
11 leased and registered in this State. In addition to the registration
12 number and other markings or identification otherwise prescribed
13 by law, the license plates shall display appropriate words or a
14 slogan and emblem honoring the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
15 The chief administrator shall, in consultation with the Eastern
16 Regional Director of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., select the
17 design and color scheme of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
18 license plates. The Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. license plates
19 shall be subject to the provisions of chapter 3 of Title 39 of the
20 Revised Statutes, except as hereinafter otherwise provided.
21 b. Application for issuance of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
22 license plates shall be made to the chief administrator on forms and
23 in a manner prescribed by the chief administrator. In order to be
24 deemed complete, an application shall be accompanied by a fee of
25 \$50, payable to the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission, which
26 shall be in addition to the fees otherwise prescribed by law for the
27 registration of a motor vehicle. The chief administrator shall collect
28 annually, subsequent to the year of issuance of the Delta Sigma
29 Theta Sorority, Inc. license plates, a \$10 fee for the license plates in
30 addition to the fees otherwise prescribed by law for the registration
31 of a motor vehicle. The additional fees required by this subsection
32 shall be deposited in the “Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. License
33 Plate Fund” created pursuant to subsection c. of this section.
34 c. There is created in the Department of the Treasury a special
35 non-lapsing fund to be known as the “Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,
36 Inc. License Plate Fund.” There shall be deposited in the fund the
37 amount collected from all license plate fees collected pursuant to
38 subsection b. of this section, less the amounts necessary to

1 reimburse the commission for administrative costs pursuant to
2 subsection d. of this section. The monies deposited in the fund shall
3 be appropriated annually to the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
4 and shall be used to provide grant funding to support the
5 organization's mission and programs, which include educational
6 development programs for youth and economic development, social
7 action, and health initiatives for disadvantaged communities.

8 Monies deposited in the fund shall be held in interest-bearing
9 accounts in public depositories as defined pursuant to section 1 of
10 P.L.1970, c.236 (C.17:9-41), and may be invested or reinvested in
11 securities approved by the State Treasurer. Interest or other income
12 earned on monies deposited into the fund, and any monies which
13 may be appropriated or otherwise become available for the purposes
14 of the fund, shall be credited to and deposited in the fund for use as
15 set forth in this section.

16 d. Prior to the deposit of the additional fees collected pursuant
17 to subsection b. of this section into the "Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,
18 Inc. License Plate Fund," amounts thereof as are necessary shall be
19 used to reimburse the commission for all costs reasonably and
20 actually incurred, as stipulated by the chief administrator, for:

21 (1) designing, producing, issuing, renewing, and publicizing the
22 availability of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. license plates;
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24 (2) any computer programming changes that may be initially
25 necessary to implement the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. license
26 plate program in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

27 The chief administrator shall annually certify to the State
28 Treasurer the average cost per license plate incurred in the
29 immediately preceding year by the commission in producing,
30 issuing, renewing, and publicizing the availability of the Delta
31 Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. license plates. The annual certification
32 of the average cost per license plate shall be approved by the Joint
33 Budget Oversight Committee, or its successor.

34 In the event that the average cost per license plate as certified by
35 the chief administrator and approved by the Joint Budget Oversight
36 Committee, or its successor, is greater than the \$50 application fee
37 established in subsection b. of this section in two consecutive fiscal
38 years, the chief administrator may discontinue the issuance of Delta
39 Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. license plates.

40 e. The chief administrator shall notify eligible motorists of the
41 opportunity to obtain Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. license
42 plates by publicizing the availability of the license plates on the
43 commission's website. The Eastern Region of Delta Sigma Theta
44 Sorority, Inc., and any other individual or entity designated by the
45 Eastern Region of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., may publicize
46 the availability of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. license
47 plates in any manner that the Eastern Region of Delta Sigma Theta
48 Sorority, Inc. deems appropriate.

- 1 f. The chief administrator and the Eastern Regional Director of
2 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. shall develop and enter into a
3 memorandum of agreement setting forth the procedures to be
4 followed in carrying out their respective responsibilities under
5 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).
- 6 g. The Eastern Regional Director of Delta Sigma Theta
7 Sorority, Inc. shall appoint a representative who shall act as a
8 liaison between the Eastern Region of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,
9 Inc. and the commission. The liaison shall represent the Eastern
10 Region of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. in any and all
11 communications with the commission regarding the Delta Sigma
12 Theta Sorority, Inc. license plates established by P.L. ,
13 c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).
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- 15 2. a. State or public funds shall not be used by the commission
16 for the initial cost of:
- 17 (1) designing, producing, issuing, and publicizing the
18 availability of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. license plates; or
19 (2) any computer programming changes which may be
20 necessary to implement the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. license
21 plate program established by P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before
22 the Legislature as this bill).
- 23 b. The Eastern Region of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. or
24 an individual or entity designated by the Eastern Region of Delta
25 Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., shall contribute non-public monies in an
26 amount to be determined by the chief administrator, not to exceed a
27 total of \$25,000, to be used to offset the initial costs incurred by the
28 commission for designing, producing, issuing, and publicizing the
29 availability of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. license plates, and
30 any computer programming which may be necessary to implement
31 the program. Concerned organizations and individual donors may
32 contribute monies to the Eastern Region of Delta Sigma Theta
33 Sorority, Inc. to be used to offset the initial costs incurred by the
34 commission for the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. license plates
35 authorized by P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature
36 as this bill). Any amount remaining after the payment of the initial
37 cost shall be deposited in the "Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
38 License Plate Fund" established pursuant to subsection c. of section
39 1 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this
40 bill).
- 41 c. The commission shall not begin designing, producing,
42 issuing, or publicizing the availability of Delta Sigma Theta
43 Sorority, Inc. license plates, or making any necessary programming
44 changes, until the following requirements have been met:
- 45 (1) the Eastern Region of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. or an
46 individual or entity designated by the Eastern Region of Delta
47 Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., has provided the commission with the
48 money necessary, as determined by the chief administrator pursuant

1 to subsection b. of this section, to offset the initial costs incurred by
2 the commission in establishing the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
3 license plate program; and

4 (2) the liaison appointed by the Eastern Regional Director of
5 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. pursuant to subsection g. of
6 section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature
7 as this bill) has provided the commission with not less than 500
8 completed applications for Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. license
9 plates. These applications shall constitute the initial order for Delta
10 Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. license plates and shall be accompanied
11 by a fee representing the total cost of the initial order. The fee shall
12 be determined by multiplying the number of sets of license plates
13 being ordered by the applicable initial fee for each set of license
14 plates as set forth in subsection b. of section 1 of P.L. ,
15 c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

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17 3. P.L.2018, c.109 (C.39:3-27.152 et seq.) is repealed.

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19 4. This act shall take effect immediately, but shall remain
20 inoperative until the first day of the seventh month following the
21 date on which the conditions set forth in paragraphs (1) and (2) of
22 subsection c. of section 2 of this act have been satisfied. The chief
23 administrator may take anticipatory acts in advance of that date as
24 may be necessary for the timely implementation of P.L. ,
25 c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill). This act
26 shall expire if the conditions set forth in paragraphs (1) and (2) of
27 subsection c. of section 2 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before
28 the Legislature as this bill) are not satisfied by the last day of the
29 12th month following enactment.

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34 Authorizes creation of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. license
35 plates.