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SYNOPSIS

Authorizes creation of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. license plates.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

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1 AN ACT authorizing the creation and issuance of Alpha Phi Alpha
2 Fraternity, Inc. license plates and supplementing Title 39 of the
3 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 Alpha Phi Alpha
10 Fraternity, Inc. license plates for any motor vehicle owned or leased
11 and registered in this State. In addition to the registration number
12 and other markings or identification otherwise prescribed by law,
13 the license plates shall display appropriate words or a slogan and
14 emblem honoring the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. The chief
15 administrator, in consultation with the Eastern Region Vice-
16 President of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., shall select the design
17 and color scheme of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. license
18 plates. The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. license plates shall be
19 subject to the provisions of chapter 3 of Title 39 of the Revised
20 Statutes, except as hereinafter otherwise provided.

21 b. Application for issuance of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity,
22 Inc. license plates shall be made to the chief administrator on forms
23 and in a manner prescribed by the chief administrator. In order to
24 be deemed complete, an application shall be accompanied by a fee
25 of \$50, payable to the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission,
26 which shall be in addition to the fees otherwise prescribed by law
27 for the registration of a motor vehicle. The chief administrator shall
28 collect annually, subsequent to the year of issuance of the Alpha Phi
29 Alpha Fraternity, Inc. license plates, a \$10 fee for the license plates
30 in addition to the fees otherwise prescribed by law for the
31 registration of a motor vehicle. The additional fees required by this
32 subsection shall be deposited in the "Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity,
33 Inc. License Plate Fund" created pursuant to subsection c. of this
34 section.

35 c. There is created in the Department of the Treasury a special
36 non-lapsing fund to be known as the "Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity,
37 Inc. License Plate Fund." There shall be deposited in the fund the
38 amount collected from all license plate fees collected pursuant to
39 subsection b. of this section, less the amounts necessary to
40 reimburse the commission for administrative costs pursuant to
41 subsection d. of this section. The monies deposited in the fund shall
42 be appropriated annually to the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and
43 shall be used to provide grant funding to support the organization's
44 mission and programs.

45 Monies deposited in the fund shall be held in interest-bearing
46 accounts in public depositories as defined pursuant to section 1 of
47 P.L.1970, c.236 (C.17:9-41), and may be invested or reinvested in
48 securities approved by the State Treasurer. Interest or other income

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

5 d. Prior to the deposit of the additional fees collected pursuant
6 to subsection b. of this section into the "Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity,
7 Inc. License Plate Fund," amounts thereof as are necessary shall be
8 used to reimburse the commission for all costs reasonably and
9 actually incurred, as stipulated by the chief administrator for:

10 (1) designing, producing, issuing, renewing, and publicizing the
11 availability of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. license plates;
12 and

13 (2) any computer programming changes that may be initially
14 necessary to implement the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. license
15 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 commission in producing,
19 issuing, renewing, and publicizing the availability of the Alpha Phi
20 Alpha Fraternity, Inc. license plates. The annual certification of the
21 average cost per license plate shall be approved by the Joint Budget
22 Oversight Committee, or its successor.

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

29 e. The chief administrator shall notify eligible motorists of the
30 opportunity to obtain the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. license
31 plates by publicizing the availability of the license plates on the
32 commission's website. The Eastern Region of Alpha Phi Alpha
33 Fraternity, Inc., and any other individual or entity designated by the
34 Eastern Region of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., may publicize
35 the availability of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. license
36 plates in any manner that the Eastern Region of Alpha Phi Alpha
37 Fraternity, Inc. deems appropriate.

38 f. The chief administrator and the Eastern Region Vice-
39 President of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. shall develop and
40 enter into a memorandum of agreement setting forth the procedures
41 to be followed in carrying out their respective responsibilities under
42 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

43 g. The Eastern Region Vice-President Alpha Phi Alpha
44 Fraternity, Inc. shall appoint the sitting District Director to act as a
45 liaison between the Eastern Region of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity,
46 Inc. and the commission. The liaison shall represent the Eastern
47 Region of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. in any and all
48 communications with the commission regarding the Alpha Phi

1 Alpha Fraternity, Inc. license plates established by
2 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

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4 2. a. State or public funds shall not be used by the commission
5 for the initial cost of:

6 (1) designing, producing, issuing, and publicizing the availability
7 of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. license plates; or

8 (2) any computer programming changes which may be necessary
9 to implement the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. license plate
10 program established by P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
11 Legislature as this bill).

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

29 c. The commission shall not begin designing, producing,
30 issuing, or publicizing the availability of Alpha Phi Alpha
31 Fraternity, Inc. license plates, or making any necessary
32 programming changes, until the following requirements have been
33 met:

34 (1) an individual or entity designated by the Eastern Region of
35 Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. has provided the commission with
36 the non-public monies necessary, as determined by the chief
37 administrator pursuant to subsection b. of this section, to offset the
38 initial costs incurred by the commission in establishing the Alpha
39 Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. license plate program; and

40 (2) the liaison appointed by the Eastern Region of Alpha Phi
41 Alpha Fraternity, Inc. pursuant to subsection g. of section 1 of
42 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) has
43 provided the commission with not less than 500 completed
44 applications for Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. license plates.
45 These applications shall constitute the initial order for Alpha Phi
46 Alpha Fraternity, Inc. license plates and shall be accompanied by a
47 fee representing the total cost of the initial order. The fee shall be
48 determined by multiplying the number of sets of license plates

1 being ordered by the applicable initial fee for each set of license
2 plates as set forth in subsection b. of section 1 of
3 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

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

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18 STATEMENT

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20 This bill authorizes the Chief Administrator (chief administrator)
21 of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (commission) to
22 issue special Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. (Alpha Phi Alpha
23 Fraternity) license plates.

24 The bill provides that the design of the Alpha Phi Alpha license
25 plate is to display appropriate words or a slogan and an emblem
26 honoring the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. The chief administrator,
27 in consultation with the Eastern Region Vice-President of Alpha Phi
28 Alpha Fraternity, Inc., is to select the design and color scheme of
29 the Alpha Phi Alpha license plates.

30 In addition to all fees otherwise required by law for the
31 registration of a motor vehicle, there is an application fee of \$50
32 and an annual renewal fee of \$10 for the Alpha Phi Alpha license
33 plates. After deducting the costs to implement the plates, the
34 additional fees collected are to be deposited into a special non-
35 lapsing fund known as the "Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
36 License Plate Fund." The proceeds of the fund are to be annually
37 appropriated to Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, to be used to support
38 the organization's mission and programs.

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 Alpha Phi Alpha license plate
44 program. The bill also requires that the Eastern Region Vice-
45 President of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. appoint the District
46 Director to represent the Eastern Region of Alpha Phi Alpha
47 Fraternity, Inc. (New Jersey Association of Alpha Phi Alpha

1 Chapters) in all communications with the commission regarding the
2 Alpha Phi Alpha license plates.

3 The bill provides that State or other public funds are not to be
4 used by the commission for the initial cost to implement the Alpha
5 Phi Alpha license plate program. The bill requires the Eastern
6 Region of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. (New Jersey Association
7 of Alpha Phi Alpha Chapters) or an individual or entity designated
8 by the Eastern Region of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. to
9 contribute non-public monies, not to exceed \$25,000, to offset the
10 initial costs to design, produce, issue, and publicize the license
11 plates and for computer programming changes which may be
12 necessary to implement the program. The bill authorizes the
13 Eastern Region of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. (New Jersey
14 Association of Alpha Phi Alpha Chapters) to receive funds from
15 private sources to be used to offset the initial costs.

16 The commission is not required to design, produce, issue, or
17 publicize the availability of the Alpha Phi Alpha license plates or
18 make any necessary programming changes, until: 1) the Eastern
19 Region of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. (New Jersey Association
20 of Alpha Phi Alpha Chapters) or the individual or entity designated
21 by the Eastern Region of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. has
22 provided the commission with the money necessary to offset the
23 initial costs incurred by the commission in establishing the Alpha
24 Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. license plate program; and 2) the Eastern
25 Region of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. (New Jersey Association
26 of Alpha Phi Alpha Chapters), liaison has provided the commission
27 with a minimum of 500 completed applications for the Alpha Phi
28 Alpha license plates.

29 The provisions of the bill will remain inoperative until the first
30 day of the seventh month after the appropriate applications and fees
31 required to offset the initial costs incurred by the commission are
32 provided to the commission. The bill expires on the last day of the
33 12th month if sufficient applications and fees to offset the initial
34 costs are not received by that date.