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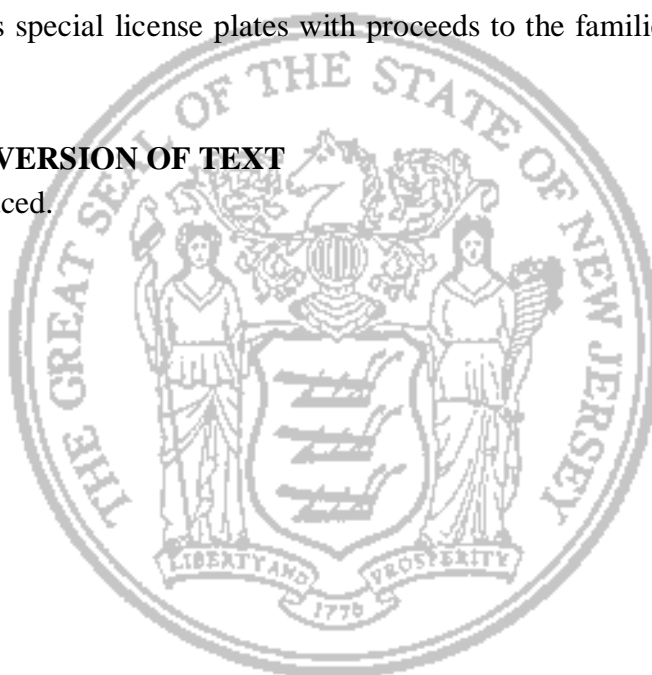
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SYNOPSIS

Authorizes special license plates with proceeds to the families of NJ troops overseas.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 5/12/2009)

1 AN ACT concerning special "Support the Troops" license plates and
2 supplementing chapter 3 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes.

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

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7 1. Upon proper application, the Chief Administrator of the
8 New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall issue Support the
9 Troops license plates for any motor vehicle owned or leased and
10 registered in the State. The chief administrator shall choose the
11 design, including an emblem, slogan and color scheme in
12 consultation with the Adjutant General of the Department of
13 Military and Veterans' Affairs.

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15 2. Application for issuance of a Support the Troops license
16 plate shall be made to the chief administrator on forms and in a
17 manner prescribed by the chief administrator. In order to be
18 deemed complete, an application shall be accompanied by a fee of
19 \$50, payable to the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission, which
20 shall be in addition to the fees otherwise prescribed by law for the
21 registration of motor vehicles. The chief administrator shall collect
22 annually, subsequent to the year of issuance of the Support the
23 Troops license plate, a \$10 fee for the license plate in addition to
24 the fees otherwise prescribed by law for the registration of a motor
25 vehicle.

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27 3. a. There shall be deposited into a special non-lapsing
28 account to be known as the "Support the Troops Fund" the
29 additional application and renewal fees collected pursuant to section
30 2 of this act and any interest earned thereon, less the amounts
31 necessary to reimburse the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission
32 for administrative costs pursuant to this section. The monies in the
33 fund shall be distributed to the New Jersey National Guard Family
34 Programs' Family Grant Program and used for the furtherance of
35 grants for families of New Jersey Army or Air National Guard
36 service members who have been mobilized for over 90 days and are
37 experiencing financial hardship.

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39 b. Prior to the deposit of license plate fees collected pursuant to
40 section 2 of this act into the fund, such amounts thereof as are
41 necessary shall be used to reimburse the New Jersey Motor Vehicle
42 Commission for costs reasonably and actually incurred, as
43 stipulated by the chief administrator, for producing, issuing,
44 renewing and publicizing the availability of Support the Troops
45 license plates, including the cost of any initial computer
programming changes.

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47 c. The chief administrator annually shall certify to the State
48 Treasurer the average cost per license plate incurred in the
immediately preceding year by the New Jersey Motor Vehicle

1 Commission in producing, issuing, renewing and publicizing the
2 availability of Support the Troops license plates. The annual
3 certification of the average cost per license plate shall be approved
4 by the Joint Budget Oversight Committee, or its successor.

5 d. In the event that the average cost per license plate as
6 certified by the chief administrator and approved by the Joint
7 Budget Oversight Committee, or its successor, is greater than the
8 \$50 application fee established in section 2 of this act in two
9 consecutive fiscal years, the chief administrator may discontinue
10 the issuance of Support the Troops license plates.

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12 4. The chief administrator shall notify eligible motorists of the
13 opportunity to obtain Support the Troops license plates by including
14 a notice with all motor vehicle registration renewals and by posting
15 appropriate posters or signs in all New Jersey Motor Vehicle
16 Commission facilities and offices. The notices, posters and signs
17 shall be designed by the commission, after consultation with the
18 Adjutant General of the Department of Military and Veterans'
19 Affairs.

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21 5. This act shall take effect on the first day of the sixth month
22 after enactment.

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25 STATEMENT

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27 This bill authorizes a special license plate with proceeds to be
28 distributed to the New Jersey National Guard Family Programs'
29 Family Grant Program and used for the furtherance of grants for
30 families of New Jersey Army or Air National Guard service
31 members who have been mobilized for over 90 days and are
32 experiencing financial hardship.

33 The design of the license plate would be chosen by the Chief
34 Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission in
35 consultation with the Adjutant General of the Department of
36 Military and Veterans' Affairs.

37 There is a \$50 initial fee in addition to the registration fees
38 required by law, with a \$10 annual fee in addition to the renewal
39 fees required by law. The monies raised, after reimbursement to the
40 Motor Vehicle Commission would be deposited into the "Support
41 the Troops Fund," also established by this bill.