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SYNOPSIS

Establishes special license plate for family members of fallen police officers and firefighters.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 AN ACT providing for the issuance of special license plates for
2 family members of fallen police officers and firefighters and
3 supplementing 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. As used in this section:

9 “Family member” means a spouse, child, child’s spouse, parent,
10 parent’s spouse, grandchild, grandchild’s spouse, whether the
11 individual is related by blood, marriage or civil union, or adoption.

12 “Firefighter” means a paid or volunteer firefighter who served as
13 a firefighter in any state.

14 “Law enforcement officer” means a member of any federal,
15 State, county, or municipal law enforcement agency, department, or
16 division of those governments who is statutorily empowered to act
17 for the detection, investigation, arrest, conviction, detention, or
18 rehabilitation of persons violating the criminal laws of a state or of
19 the United States and whose name has been included on the
20 National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial.

21 “State” means a state of the United States, the District of
22 Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin
23 Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Northern Marianas Islands,
24 and any other U.S. Territory.

25 b. The chief administrator, upon application, shall issue a
26 distinctive license plate for a motor vehicle owned or leased by a
27 surviving family member of a law enforcement officer or
28 firefighter who died as a result of injuries sustained while in the
29 performance of duties as a law enforcement officer or firefighter or
30 as a result of the deceased person’s status as a law enforcement
31 officer or firefighter. The distinctive license plate shall be of a
32 design approved by the commission.

33 c. Application for issuance of a license plate authorized
34 pursuant to subsection b. of this section shall be made to the
35 commission on forms and in a manner prescribed by the chief
36 administrator.

37 d. There shall be no cost to the applicant for these special
38 license plates other than the fees otherwise prescribed by law for
39 the registration of motor vehicles.

40 e. The chief administrator’s issuance of license plates pursuant
41 to subsection b. of this section shall be contingent upon funds
42 donated or otherwise made available to the commission and
43 available in the fund created pursuant to section 2 of P.L. ,

44 c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

45 f. The chief administrator shall notify motorists of the
46 opportunity to obtain license plates issued pursuant to this section
47 by posting appropriate posters or signs in all commission facilities
48 and offices.

1 g. The chief administrator shall promulgate rules and
2 regulations governing the issuance and use of the distinctive license
3 plates issued pursuant to this section.
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5 2. There is created in the Department of the Treasury a special
6 non-lapsing fund to be known as the "Family of Fallen Law
7 Enforcement Officers and Firefighters License Plate Fund." There
8 shall be deposited in the fund moneys donated or otherwise made
9 available by persons, including non-governmental organizations,
10 non-profit organizations and corporations.

11 Moneys deposited in the fund shall be held in interest-bearing
12 accounts in public depositories as defined pursuant to section 1 of
13 P.L.1970, c.236 (C.17:9-41), and may be invested or reinvested in
14 securities approved by the State Treasurer. Interest or other income
15 earned on moneys deposited into the fund, and any moneys which
16 may be appropriated or otherwise become available for the purposes
17 of the fund, shall be credited to and deposited in the fund and shall
18 be used by the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor
19 Vehicle Commission exclusively for the issuance of special license
20 plates for the family members of certain deceased police officers or
21 firefighters as provided for in section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.)
22 (pending before the Legislature as this bill).
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24 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of the seventh
25 month next following the date of enactment.
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28 STATEMENT 29

30 This bill provides for the issuance of a distinctive motor vehicle
31 license plate for family members of deceased law enforcement officers
32 and firefighters whose deaths resulted from their work or status as
33 officers or firefighters. These special license plates would be issued at
34 no additional cost to the applicant. The plates would be designed by
35 the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle
36 Commission.

37 Under the bill, "family member" means a spouse, child, child's
38 spouse, parent, parent's spouse, grandchild, grandchild's spouse,
39 whether the individual is related by blood, marriage or civil union, or
40 adoption. The bill defines "law enforcement officer" as a member of
41 any federal, State, county, or municipal law enforcement agency,
42 department, or division of those governments who is statutorily
43 empowered to act for the detection, investigation, arrest, conviction,
44 detention, or rehabilitation of persons violating the criminal laws of a
45 state or of the United States and whose name has been included on the
46 National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. A "firefighter" is
47 defined as a paid or volunteer firefighter serving in any state. "State"

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1 includes the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and any
2 other United States Territory.

3 The bill authorizes the creation of the “Family of Fallen Law
4 Enforcement Officers and Firefighters License Plate Fund,” into which
5 moneys may be donated or otherwise made available by persons,
6 including non-governmental organizations, non-profit organizations,
7 and corporations.