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**SYNOPSIS**

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

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee with technical review.



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 law enforcement  
21 officers or firefighters as provided for in section 1 of P.L.       ,  
22 c. (C.       ) (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.