

P.L. 2019, CHAPTER 325, *approved January 13, 2020*  
Assembly, No. 268

1   **AN ACT** authorizing the issuance of support recovery license plates,  
2       designated as the “P.I.C.K. Awareness Act,” and supplementing  
3       chapter 3 of 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.   Upon proper application, the Chief Administrator of the  
9       New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall issue support  
10      recovery license plates for any motor vehicle owned or leased and  
11      registered in this State. In addition to the registration number and  
12      other markings or identification otherwise prescribed by law, the  
13      license plates shall display an emblem, consisting of an image of a  
14      compass rose with cardinal direction indicators enclosed in a circle,  
15      and the words “SUPPORT RECOVERY” beneath the image. The  
16      chief administrator shall, in consultation with the Commissioner of  
17      Human Services and Parents in Connection for Kids, Inc., select the  
18      design and color scheme of the support recovery license plates. The  
19      support recovery license plates shall be subject to the provisions of  
20      chapter 3 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes, except as hereinafter  
21      otherwise specifically provided.

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

35      c.   There is created in the Department of the Treasury a special  
36      non-lapsing fund to be known as the “Support Recovery License  
37      Plate Fund.” There shall be deposited in the fund the amount  
38      collected from all license plate fees collected pursuant to subsection  
39      b. of this section, less the amounts necessary to reimburse the  
40      commission for administrative costs pursuant to subsection d. of  
41      this section. Monies deposited in the fund shall be appropriated

1 annually to the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services  
2 within the Department of Human Services to be used to secure  
3 permanent sober living housing for individuals who have completed  
4 substance abuse treatment or temporary sober living housing for  
5 individuals waiting to be placed in a substance abuse treatment  
6 program. Monies appropriated to the division shall not be provided  
7 to any individual seeking housing assistance but may be provided to  
8 housing facilities to be used as deposits or monthly rent payments  
9 for individuals seeking housing assistance. Monies deposited in the  
10 fund shall be held in interest-bearing accounts in public depositories  
11 as defined pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1970, c.236 (C.17:9-41), and  
12 may be invested or reinvested in securities approved by the State  
13 Treasurer. Interest or other income earned on monies deposited into  
14 the fund, and any monies which may be appropriated or otherwise  
15 become available for the purposes of the fund, shall be credited to  
16 and deposited in the fund for use as set forth in P.L. , c. (C. )  
17 (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

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

23 (1) designing, producing, issuing, renewing, and publicizing the  
24 availability of the support recovery license plates; and

25 (2) any computer programming changes that may be initially  
26 necessary to implement the support recovery license plate program  
27 in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

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

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

41 e. The chief administrator shall notify eligible motorists of the  
42 opportunity to obtain support recovery license plates by publicizing  
43 the availability of the license plates on the commission's website.  
44 The Department of Human Services, and any other individual or  
45 entity designated by the Department of Human Services, may  
46 publicize the availability of the support recovery license plates in  
47 any manner that the department deems appropriate.

48 f. The chief administrator and the Commissioner of Human

1 Services shall develop and enter into an interdepartmental  
2 memorandum of agreement setting forth the procedures to be  
3 followed in carrying out their respective responsibilities under  
4 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

5 g. The Commissioner of Human Services shall appoint a  
6 representative who shall act as a liaison between the Department of  
7 Human Services and the commission. The liaison shall represent  
8 the department in any and all communications with the commission  
9 regarding the support recovery license plates established by  
10 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

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

14 (1) designing, producing, issuing, and publicizing the  
15 availability of support recovery license plates; or

16 (2) any computer programming changes which may be  
17 necessary to implement the support recovery license plate program  
18 established by P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
19 Legislature as this bill).

20 b. An individual or entity designated by the Department of  
21 Human Services shall contribute non-public monies in an amount to  
22 be determined by the chief administrator, not to exceed a total of  
23 \$25,000, to be used to offset the initial costs incurred by the  
24 commission for designing, producing, issuing, and publicizing the  
25 availability of support recovery license plates, and any computer  
26 programming which may be necessary to implement the program.  
27 Concerned organizations and individual donors may contribute  
28 monies to the Department of Human Services to be used to offset  
29 the initial costs incurred by the commission for the support recovery  
30 license plates authorized by P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before  
31 the Legislature as this bill). Any amount remaining after the  
32 payment of the initial cost shall be deposited in the "Support  
33 Recovery License Plate Fund" established pursuant to subsection c.  
34 of section 1 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
35 Legislature as this bill).

36 c. The commission shall not begin designing, producing,  
37 issuing, or publicizing the availability of support recovery license  
38 plates, or making any necessary programming changes, until the  
39 following requirements have been met:

40 (1) The individual or entity designated by the Department of  
41 Human Services has provided the commission with the money  
42 necessary, as determined by the chief administrator pursuant to  
43 subsection b. of this section, to offset the initial costs incurred by  
44 the commission in establishing the support recovery license plate  
45 program; and

46 (2) The liaison appointed by the Commissioner of Human  
47 Services pursuant to subsection g. of section 1 of P.L. , c. (C. )  
48 (pending before the Legislature as this bill) has provided the

1 commission with not less than 500 completed applications for  
2 support recovery license plates. These applications shall constitute  
3 the initial order for support recovery license plates and shall be  
4 accompanied by a fee representing the total cost of the initial order.  
5 The fee shall be determined by multiplying the number of sets of  
6 license plates being ordered by the applicable initial fee for each set  
7 of license plates as set forth in subsection b. of section 1 of  
8 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

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

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23 “P.I.C.K. Awareness Act”; authorizes issuance of special support  
24 recovery license plates.