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SYNOPSIS

Establishes Become A Nurse license plates and dedicates fees for nursing scholarships.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 AN ACT concerning Become A Nurse 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. a. The Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor
8 Vehicle Commission, upon proper application therefor, shall issue
9 Become A Nurse license plates for any motor vehicle owned or
10 leased and registered in this State. In addition to the registration
11 number and other markings or identification otherwise prescribed
12 by law, a Become A Nurse license plate shall display words, a
13 slogan, an emblem, or any combination thereof promoting the
14 choice of nursing as a career. The license plate shall be designed by
15 the chief administrator, in consultation with the Commissioner of
16 Health. Become A Nurse license plates shall be subject to all
17 applicable requirements of chapter 3 of Title 39 of the Revised
18 Statutes, except as hereinafter otherwise specifically provided.

19 b. The chief administrator shall collect a \$50 application fee
20 for the Become A Nurse license plates in addition to the fees
21 otherwise prescribed by law for the registration of the motor
22 vehicle. The chief administrator shall collect annually subsequent
23 to the year of issuance of the license plate a \$10 fee for the license
24 plate in addition to the fees otherwise prescribed by law for the
25 registration of the motor vehicle. The additional fees required by
26 this subsection shall be deposited into the "Become A Nurse
27 License Plate Scholarship Fund" established pursuant to subsection
28 c. of this section.

29 c. There is created in the Department of Treasury a special
30 non-lapsing fund to be known as the "Become A Nurse License
31 Plate Scholarship Fund." There shall be deposited in the fund the
32 amount collected from all license plate fees collected pursuant to
33 subsection b. of this section, less the amounts necessary to
34 reimburse any contributing organizations or donors and the
35 commission for administrative costs pursuant to subsection e. of
36 this section. Moneys deposited in the fund shall be dedicated
37 exclusively for nursing scholarships through the New Jersey
38 Department of Health. Moneys deposited in the fund shall be held
39 in interest-bearing accounts in public depositories as defined
40 pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1970, c.236 (C.17:9-41) and may be
41 invested or reinvested in such securities as are approved by the
42 State Treasurer. Interest or other income earned on moneys
43 deposited into the fund, and any moneys which may be appropriated
44 or otherwise become available for the purposes of the fund, shall be
45 credited to and deposited in the fund for use as set forth in this act.

46 d. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, if
47 neither of the following conditions are met, the chief administrator
48 shall not be required to issue Become A Nurse license plates:

1 (1) At least 500 applications for the special plates are filed prior
2 to the effective date of this act; or

3 (2) An organization, donor, or combination thereof contributes
4 monies in an amount to be determined by the chief administrator,
5 not to exceed \$50,000, to be used to offset the initial costs incurred
6 by the commission pursuant to subsection e. of this section. Any
7 amount remaining after the payment of the initial costs shall be
8 deposited in the "Become A Nurse License Plate Scholarship Fund"
9 created pursuant to subsection c. of this act.

10 e. Prior to the deposit of license plate fees collected pursuant to
11 subsection b. of this section into the "Become A Nurse License
12 Plate Scholarship Fund," such amounts thereof as are necessary
13 shall first be used to reimburse, up to the amount contributed, any
14 organization, donor, or combination thereof that contributed
15 moneys toward the initial cost of the Become A Nurse license plates
16 pursuant to subsection d. of this section, and then to reimburse the
17 commission for all costs reasonably and actually incurred, as
18 stipulated by the chief administrator, for:

19 (1) producing, issuing, renewing and publicizing the availability
20 of Become A Nurse license plates; and

21 (2) computer programming changes that may be necessary to
22 implement the Become A Nurse license plate program established
23 by this act, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

24 f. The chief administrator shall annually certify to the State
25 Treasurer the average cost per license plate incurred in the
26 immediately preceding year by the commission in producing,
27 issuing, renewing and publicizing the availability of Become A
28 Nurse license plates. The annual certification of the average cost
29 per license plate shall be approved by the Joint Budget Oversight
30 Committee or its successor.

31 If the average cost per license plate as certified by the chief
32 administrator and approved by the Joint Budget Oversight
33 Committee or its successor is greater than the \$50 application fee
34 established in subsection b. of this section in two consecutive fiscal
35 years, the chief administrator may discontinue the issuance of
36 Become A Nurse license plates.

37 g. The chief administrator shall notify eligible motorists of the
38 opportunity to obtain Become A Nurse license plates by including a
39 notice with all motor vehicle registration renewals, and by posting
40 appropriate posters or signs in all commission facilities and offices.
41 The notices, posters and signs shall be designed by the commission,
42 in consultation with the Commissioner of Health.

43 h. The Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle
44 Commission, the Commissioner of Health, and the State Treasurer
45 shall develop and enter into an interagency memorandum of
46 agreement setting forth the procedures to be followed by the chief
47 administrator and the New Jersey Department of Health in carrying
48 out their respective responsibilities under this act. In addition, the

1 chief administrator and any organization, donor, or combination
2 thereof which contributes monies pursuant to subsection d. of this
3 section shall enter into a memorandum of agreement setting forth
4 the procedures to be followed by the commission and the
5 contributing organization, donor, or combination thereof in carrying
6 out the provisions of this act.

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8 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the thirteenth
9 month after enactment, but the Chief Administrator of the New
10 Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall begin accepting
11 applications for the Become A Nurse license plates on the first day
12 of the fourth month after enactment, and the Chief Administrator of
13 the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission, the Commissioner of
14 Health, and the State Treasurer may take such anticipatory acts in
15 advance of that date as may be necessary for the timely
16 implementation of this act upon its effective date.

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19 STATEMENT
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21 This bill requires the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey
22 Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) to issue a special "Become A
23 Nurse" license plate. In addition to the registration number and
24 other markings or identification prescribed by law, the plate would
25 display words, a slogan, an emblem, or any combination thereof
26 promoting the choice of nursing as a career. The license plate
27 would be designed by the chief administrator, in consultation with
28 the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Health.

29 In addition to all other fees required by law for the registration of
30 motor vehicles, an application fee of \$50 and an annual renewal fee
31 of \$10 would be required for the special plates. These additional
32 fees, after the reimbursement to any contributing organizations or
33 donors and the MVC of the cost of producing and publicizing the
34 plates, are to be deposited in a special non-lapsing account known
35 as the "Become A Nurse License Plate Scholarship Fund." The
36 proceeds would be used for nursing scholarships through the New
37 Jersey Department of Health.

38 The chief administrator would not be required to issue the
39 Become A Nurse license plates unless:

40 1) at least 500 or more applications are filed prior to the effective
41 date; or

42 2) an organization, donor, or combination thereof contributes
43 money to offset the initial costs incurred by the commission.

44 The chief administrator would be required to certify the average
45 cost per unit in producing, issuing and publicizing the Become A
46 Nurse license plate each year. If the average cost exceeds \$50 for
47 two consecutive fiscal years, the chief administrator would be
48 authorized to discontinue the Become A Nurse license plate. The

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- 1 chief administrator would also be responsible for notifying eligible
- 2 motorists of the availability of the plates. The notices, posters and
- 3 signs used for such notification would be designed by the MVC, in
- 4 consultation with the New Jersey Department of Health.