

SENATE, No. 2688

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
219th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Authorizes special plate for holders of "Combat Action Ribbon."

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning the "Combat Infantryman Badge" license plate
2 and amending P.L.1993, c.72.

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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. Section 1 of P.L.1993, c.72 (C.39:3-27.46) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 1. a. Upon application of any person who is the holder of a
10 Combat Infantryman Badge or Combat Action Ribbon, as certified
11 on the applicant's DD-214 form or on a Certificate of Release or
12 Discharge from Active Duty, the **[director]** chief administrator
13 shall issue, for the motor vehicle owned or leased by the person,
14 distinctive plates bearing a design approved by the **[director]** chief
15 administrator in addition to the registration number and other
16 markings or identification prescribed by law. The plates shall bear
17 the words "Combat Infantryman Badge" and depict the Combat
18 Infantryman Badge emblem. The fee for these plates shall be \$15
19 in addition to the fees otherwise prescribed by law for the
20 registration of motor vehicles.

21 b. The surviving spouse of a former holder of the Combat
22 Infantryman Badge or Combat Action Ribbon who is eligible to
23 operate a motor vehicle in this State under the provisions of
24 R.S.39:3-10 may retain the special license plates obtained by the
25 deceased spouse pursuant to this section for display on a motor
26 vehicle registered to the surviving spouse under the provisions of
27 R.S.39:3-4.

28 c. The **[director]** chief administrator shall promulgate rules
29 and regulations governing the issuance and use of these registration
30 plates.

31 (cf: P.L.1993, c.72, s.1)

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33 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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38 This bill amends the law authorizing a "Combat Infantryman
39 Badge" plate so individuals who have been awarded a Combat
40 Action Ribbon are eligible to receive the plate. Under current law,
41 this plate is only available to the holder of a Combat Infantryman
42 Badge. This requirement prevents Marines from obtaining the
43 special plate, as they are awarded a Combat Action Ribbon and not
44 a Combat Infantryman Badge. This bill amends the law so Marines
45 are eligible to possess the plates.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.