

ASSEMBLY, No. 733

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1996 SESSION

By Assemblyman GREGG and Assemblywoman FARRAGHER

1 AN ACT establishing equine license plates and supplementing chapter
2 3 of Title 39 and chapter 15 of Title 4 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 director may issue for a motor vehicle registered in this
8 State special equine license plates bearing, in addition to the
9 registration number and other markings or identification otherwise
10 prescribed by law, words and an emblem indicating support for, or an
11 interest in, horses. The license plate shall be designed by the director,
12 in consultation with the State Board of Agriculture and the New Jersey
13 Equine Advisory Board.

14 b. The director shall collect a \$50 application fee for the equine
15 license plate in addition to the fees otherwise prescribed by law for the
16 registration of a motor vehicle. The director shall collect annually,
17 subsequent to the year of issuance of the license plate, a \$10 fee for
18 the license plate in addition to the fees otherwise prescribed by law for
19 the registration of a motor vehicle. The additional fees required by
20 this subsection shall be deposited into the "Special Equine Programs
21 Fund," established pursuant to section 2 of P.L. , c. (C.)
22 (now before the Legislature as this bill). Applicants shall be advised
23 of the annual \$10 renewal fee at the time of initial application.

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25 2. a. There is created in the Department of Agriculture a
26 non-lapsing, revolving fund to be known as the "Special Equine
27 Programs Fund." The fund shall be the depository of the fees
28 collected pursuant to subsection b. of section 1 of P.L. , c.
29 (C.) (now before the Legislature as this bill). Interest earned on
30 moneys deposited in the fund shall be credited to the fund.

31 b. Moneys in the Special Equine Programs Fund shall be
32 distributed exclusively: (1) to reimburse the Division of Motor
33 Vehicles for costs incurred in producing and issuing equine license
34 plates; and (2) for grants to assist the New Jersey Equine Advisory
35 Board in its various programs designed to promote the growth of the
36 State's racing and non-racing horse industry.

37 c. The Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles shall annually

1 certify to the State Treasurer the average cost per license plate
2 incurred in the preceding year by the division in producing and issuing
3 equine license plates. The State Treasurer shall on a quarterly basis
4 transfer a sum equal to the division's cost of producing and issuing
5 equine license plates from the Special Equine Programs to the division.

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7 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of the seventh month
8 after enactment.

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11 STATEMENT

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13 The horse is New Jersey's State animal. This bill establishes a
14 special equine license plate, with proceeds dedicated to the New Jersey
15 Equine Advisory Board and its various programs designed to promote
16 the growth of the State's horse industry. The plate would bear words
17 and an emblem designed by the Director of the Division of Motor
18 Vehicles in consultation with the State Board of Agriculture and the
19 New Jersey Equine Advisory Board. Motor vehicle owners and
20 lessees would be able to obtain the plate for an initial fee of \$50 and
21 an annual \$10 renewal fee, in addition to the registration fees
22 otherwise prescribed by law.

23 The additional fees would be deposited in the Equine Advisory
24 Board Fund, created by the bill, and used exclusively for license plate
25 costs and expenses associated with the New Jersey Equine Advisory
26 Board and its various programs to promote the horse industry in the
27 State.

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32 Establishes special equine license plate to aid the Equine Advisory
33 Board.