

ASSEMBLY, No. 1049

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1996 SESSION

By Assemblymen DORIA and IMPREVEDUTO

1 AN ACT concerning special registration plates for the clergy 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. Upon application of any person who is a member of the clergy
8 in good standing of any religious corporation exempt from taxation
9 under Title 15 of the Revised Statutes, the director shall issue, for the
10 motor vehicle owned or leased by the person, distinctive plates bearing
11 a design approved by the director in addition to the registration
12 number and other markings or identification prescribed by law. The
13 plates shall bear the word "CLERGY" and, if requested by the clergy
14 member, depict the standard symbol of the religion the clergy member
15 represents. A \$15 fee shall be charged to the applicant for these
16 special plates in addition to the fees otherwise prescribed by law for
17 the registration of motor vehicles. The applicant shall submit proof,
18 satisfactory to the director, that the applicant is a bonafide member of
19 the clergy and otherwise qualifies for the special plates under this
20 section.

21 b. The director may promulgate rules and regulations governing the
22 issuance and use of these registration plates.

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24 2. This act shall become effective on the first day of the fifth month
25 after enactment, but the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles
26 may take such anticipatory acts in advance of that date as may be
27 necessary for the timely implementation of this act.

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STATEMENT

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32 This bill provides for the issuance of license plates for members of
33 the clergy who qualify under its provisions. The plates would bear the
34 word "Clergy" and may contain a religious symbol at the request of the

1 applicant. A \$15 fee would be charged in addition to the usual
2 registration fees for the vehicle bearing the plates.

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7 Provides special license plates for clergy.