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ASSEMBLY, No. 1049

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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
8 clergy in good standing of any religious corporation exempt from
9 taxation under Title 15 of the Revised Statutes, the director shall
10 issue, for the motor vehicle owned or leased by the person, distinctive
11 plates bearing ¹[a design approved by the director] the word
12 "CLERGY"¹ in addition to the registration number and other markings
13 or identification prescribed by law. ¹[The plates shall bear the word
14 "CLERGY" and, if requested by the clergy member, depict the
15 standard symbol of the religion the clergy member represents. A \$15
16 fee shall be charged to the applicant for these special plates] An
17 application for these special plates shall be accompanied by a \$25 fee
18 payable to the division.¹ in addition to the fees otherwise prescribed
19 by law for the registration of motor vehicles. The applicant shall
20 submit proof, satisfactory to the director, that the applicant is a
21 bonafide member of the clergy and otherwise qualifies for the special
22 plates under this section.

23 b. ¹A clergy member who has received special plates under this
24 section may display on the license plates the standard symbol of the
25 religion the clergy member represents if the symbol has been approved
26 by the director. The director may promulgate rules and regulations
27 governing the use, design, material and placement of the symbol on the
28 license plate issued for the motor vehicle owned or leased by the
29 bonafide member of the clergy.

30 c. In the event the director determines that infrequent requests for

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Assembly ATC committee amendments adopted January 9, 1997.

1 the "clergy" license plate no longer warrant its production, the director
2 may discontinue the issuance of the license plate.

3 d. The application fee collected pursuant to subsection a. of this
4 section shall be retained by the division to cover its costs for
5 producing and issuing "clergy" license plates.

6 e.¹ The director may promulgate rules and regulations governing
7 the issuance and use of these registration plates.

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

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17 Provides special license plates for clergy.