

ASSEMBLY, No. 1076

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblyman CORODEMUS

1 AN ACT concerning special motor vehicle registration plates, and
2 amending various sections of the statutory law.

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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.1977, c.369 (C.39:3-27.8) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 1. Upon the application of any person who is a compensated,
10 partially compensated or volunteer member of any fire department in
11 this State, the director may issue for a motor vehicle owned or leased
12 by such person, or owned or leased by the spouse or parent thereof,
13 or owned or leased by a business firm of which such person is the
14 principal owner or stockholder a license plate bearing a Maltese Cross
15 and the letters "F.D." The design and color for such plate shall be
16 approved by the director.

17 Upon the application of any person who is a compensated, partially
18 compensated or volunteer member of any first aid or rescue squad in
19 this State, the director may issue for a motor vehicle owned or leased
20 by such person, or owned or leased by the spouse or parent thereof,
21 or owned or leased by a business firm of which such person is the
22 principal owner or stockholder a special license plate. The design for
23 such plate shall be approved by the director.

24 (cf: P.L.1983, c.74, s.1)

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26 2. Section 1 of P.L.1979, c.456 (C.39:3-27.13) is amended to read
27 as follows:

28 1. a. Upon the application of any person who is an active member
29 of the New Jersey National Guard, or former active member who has
30 been honorably separated from the New Jersey National Guard, as
31 certified in either case by the Adjutant General, New Jersey
32 Department of Defense, the Director of the Division of Motor

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.

1 Vehicles shall issue for the motor vehicle owned or leased by such
2 person special registration plates, of a design and at a fee to be
3 prescribed by the director, identifying the holder as a member or
4 former member of the "Air National Guard" or "Army National
5 Guard," as the case may be, in addition to the registration number and
6 other markings or identification otherwise prescribed by law.

7 b. The director shall permit any person who is an active member of
8 the New Jersey National Guard with special National Guard
9 registration plates to affix a National Guard "Minuteman" emblem, of
10 a design approved by the director and the Adjutant General, New
11 Jersey Department of Defense, to their registration plates in a manner
12 approved by the director.

13 (cf: P.L.1985, c.488, s.1)

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15 3. Section 1 of P.L.1979, c.457 (C.39:3-27.15) is amended to read
16 as follows:

17 1. Upon the application of any disabled veteran eligible to operate
18 a motor vehicle in this State under the provision of R.S.39:3-10, the
19 Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles may issue for a motor
20 vehicle owned or leased by such a person a license plate bearing the
21 term "Disabled Vet" and registration numbers to be selected from the
22 following registration numbers which shall be reserved for disabled
23 veterans: D V 1 through D V 9999 and 1 D V through 9999 D V.
24 The plate shall resemble the following illustration:

25 NEW JERSEY
26 DV1
27 DISABLED VET

28 For the purposes of this section, "disabled veteran" shall mean any
29 citizen and resident of this State now or hereafter honorably
30 discharged or released under honorable circumstances from active
31 service in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States and
32 who has been or shall be declared by the United States Veterans
33 Administration, or its successor, to have a service-connected disability.
34 (cf: P.L.1979, c. 457, s.1)

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36 4. Section 1 of P.L.1981, c.236 (C.39:3-27.24) is amended to read
37 as follows:

38 1. Upon the application of any person who served in the armed
39 forces of the United States and who was held as a prisoner of war by
40 an enemy of the United States during any armed conflict, as certified
41 by the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs, the Director of
42 the Division of Motor Vehicles shall issue for the motor vehicle owned
43 or leased by such person special plates bearing the letters "P.O.W.,"
44 in addition to the registration number and other markings or
45 identification otherwise prescribed by law. There shall be no cost to
46 the applicant for these special plates. The applicant is required to pay

1 the fees otherwise prescribed by law for the registration of motor
2 vehicles.

3 The surviving spouse of a former prisoner of war who is eligible to
4 operate a motor vehicle in this State under the provision of
5 R.S.39:3-10 may retain the special license plates obtained by the
6 deceased spouse pursuant to this section for display on a motor vehicle
7 registered to the surviving spouse under the provision of R.S.39:3-4.
8 (cf: P.L.1989, c.117, s.1)

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10 5. Section 1 of P.L.1983, c.165 (C.39:3-27.33) is amended to read
11 as follows:

12 1. Upon the application of any person who is a resident of this
13 State and who is an active member of a military reserve unit, as
14 certified by the appropriate military authority, the director shall issue
15 for the motor vehicle owned or leased by the person special
16 registration plates, of a design to be approved by the director and at
17 a fee to be prescribed by the director, identifying the holder as a
18 member of a military reserve unit, in addition to the registration
19 number and other markings or identification otherwise prescribed by
20 law.
21 (cf: P.L.1983, c.165, s.1)

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23 6. This act shall take effect immediately.
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26 STATEMENT

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28 This bill amends various sections of Title 39 concerning certain
29 special motor vehicle registration plates so that persons who lease a
30 motor vehicle may obtain the special plates. Under current law, these
31 special plates only are available to persons who own a motor vehicle.
32 The special plates which could be obtained under the provisions of this
33 bill are those available to a person who is a compensated, partially
34 compensated or volunteer member of any fire department or first aid
35 or rescue squad; a person who is an active member of the New Jersey
36 National Guard or a former active member who has been honorably
37 separated from the New Jersey National Guard; a disabled veteran; a
38 former prisoner of war; or any person who is an active member of a
39 military reserve unit.
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44 Permits motor vehicle lessees to obtain certain special license plates.