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Sponsored by Assemblyman STUHLTRAGER

1 AN ACT establishing farmland and open space preservation license
2 plates and supplementing chapter 3 of Title 39 of the Revised
3 Statutes.

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5 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. a. The director may issue farmland and open space preservation
9 license plates for a motor vehicle owned or leased and registered in the
10 State. In addition to the registration number and other markings or
11 identification otherwise prescribed by law, the license plate shall
12 display words or an emblem indicating support for, or interest in, the
13 preservation of farmland and open space. The director shall choose
14 the license plate design after soliciting input from the general public on
15 the design.

16 b. The director shall collect a \$50 application fee for the farmland
17 and open space preservation license plate in addition to the fees
18 otherwise prescribed by law for registration of a motor vehicle. The
19 director shall collect annually, subsequent to the year of issuance of
20 the license plate, a \$10 fee for the license plate in addition to the fees
21 otherwise prescribed by law for the registration of a motor vehicle.

22 c. In the event that the average cost per license plate as certified
23 by the director and approved by the Joint Budget Oversight
24 Committee, or its successor, is greater than the \$50 application fee
25 established in subsection b. of this section in two consecutive fiscal
26 years, the director may discontinue the issuance of the farmland and
27 open space preservation license plates.

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29 2. a. There is created in the Department of Treasury a
30 non-lapsing, interest bearing fund to be known as the "Garden State
31 Preservation Fund." The fund shall be the depository of the fees
32 collected pursuant to subsection b. of section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.)
33 (now pending before the Legislature as this bill), after reimbursement
34 to the division for costs reasonably and actually incurred in producing,
35 issuing, and renewing the special license plates, including the cost of

1 any initial computer programming changes.

2 b. Moneys in the Garden State Preservation Fund shall be
3 appropriated and distributed as follows:

4 (1) 50% for recreation and conservation purposes consistent with
5 the provisions of the "Green Acres, Farmland and Historic
6 Preservation, and Blue Acres Bond Act of 1995," P.L.1995, c.204, or
7 any subsequent bond act approved for similar purposes; and

8 (2) 50% for farmland preservation purposes consistent with the
9 provisions of the "Green Acres, Farmland and Historic Preservation,
10 and Blue Acres Bond Act of 1995," P.L.1995, c.204, or any
11 subsequent bond act approved for similar purposes.

12 c. The director shall annually certify to the State Treasurer the
13 average cost per license plate incurred in the immediately preceding
14 year by the Division of Motor Vehicles in producing and issuing the
15 farmland and open space preservation license plates. Interest or other
16 income earned on moneys deposited pursuant to this section shall be
17 credited to the Garden State Preservation Fund.

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19 3. The Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles shall notify
20 eligible motorists of the opportunity to obtain farmland and open space
21 preservation license plates by including a notice with all motor vehicle
22 registration renewals, and by posting appropriate posters or signs in
23 all division facilities and offices, as may be provided by the Director
24 of the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of
25 Agriculture, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of
26 Motor Vehicles. The Director of the Department of Environmental
27 Protection and the Department of Agriculture shall supply the Division
28 of Motor Vehicles with the notices, posters and signs to be circulated
29 or posted by the division.

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31 4. The Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles, the
32 Commissioner of Environmental Protection, the Secretary of
33 Agriculture and the State Treasurer shall develop and enter into an
34 interagency memorandum of agreement setting forth the procedures
35 to be followed by the agencies in carrying out their responsibilities
36 under this act.

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38 5. This act shall take effect on the 180th day after enactment, but
39 the Director of the Department of Environmental Protection, the State
40 Treasurer and the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles may take
41 such anticipatory acts in advance of that date as may be necessary for
42 the timely implementation thereof.

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3 Establishes special license plate to aid farmland and open space
4 preservation.