

ASSEMBLY, No. 1662

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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1 AN ACT providing for the issuance of certain motor vehicle license
2 plates for the purpose of assisting in the support and funding of
3 bicycle trail projects, and supplementing chapter 3 of Title 39 of the
4 Revised Statutes.

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

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9 1. a. The Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles shall issue,
10 upon proper application therefor, bicycle trails license plates for any
11 motor vehicle owned or leased and registered in the State. In addition
12 to the registration number and other markings or identification
13 otherwise prescribed by law, a bicycle trails license plate shall display
14 words or a slogan and an emblem indicating support for, or an interest
15 in, bicycle trails. The words or slogan and emblem shall be chosen by
16 the director, who shall solicit input from the general public on the
17 design of the plate and shall review the submissions prior to choosing
18 the design. Issuance of bicycle trails license plates in accordance with
19 this section shall be subject to the provisions of chapter 3 of Title 39
20 of the Revised Statutes, except as hereinafter otherwise specifically
21 provided.

22 b. Application for issuance of a bicycle trails license plate shall be
23 made to the division on forms and in a manner as may be prescribed by
24 the director. In order to be deemed complete, an application shall be
25 accompanied by a fee of \$50 payable to the division, which fee shall
26 be in addition to all fees otherwise required by law for the registration
27 of the motor vehicle and shall be collected by the division and
28 deposited in the Bicycle Trails License Plate Fund created pursuant to
29 section 2 of this act.

30 c. The annual fee for the registration certificate of a motor vehicle
31 that has been issued a bicycle trails license plate pursuant to the
32 provisions of this act shall include in each year subsequent to the year
33 of issuance a fee in the amount of \$10, which fee shall be in addition
34 to all fees otherwise required by law for the renewal of the registration
35 certificate of the motor vehicle and shall be collected by the division
36 and deposited in the Bicycle Trails License Plate Fund created
37 pursuant to section 2 of this act.

1 d. The director shall notify eligible motorists of the opportunity to
2 obtain bicycle trails license plates by including a notice with all motor
3 vehicle registration renewals, and by posting appropriate posters or
4 signs in all division facilities and offices, as may be provided by the
5 Department of Transportation. The notices, posters, and signs shall
6 be designed by the department. The designs shall be subject to the
7 approval of the director, and the department shall supply the division
8 with the notices, posters, and signs to be circulated or posted by the
9 division.

10 e. The director shall annually certify to the State Treasurer the
11 average cost per license plate incurred in the immediately preceding
12 year by the division in producing, issuing, renewing, and publicizing
13 the availability of bicycle trails license plates. The annual certification
14 of the average cost per license plate shall be approved by the Joint
15 Budget Oversight Committee, or its successor.

16 f. In the event that the average cost per license plate as certified by
17 the director and approved by the Joint Budget Oversight Committee,
18 or its successor, is greater than the \$50 application fee established in
19 subsection b. of this section in two consecutive fiscal years, the
20 director may discontinue the issuance of bicycle trails license plates.
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22 2. a. There is created in the Department of Transportation a
23 special non-lapsing fund to be known as the "Bicycle Trails License
24 Plate Fund," which shall be administered by the Commissioner of
25 Transportation. The fund shall be the depository of the fees collected
26 pursuant to section 1 of this act. Monies deposited in the fund shall
27 be dedicated for support and funding of State and local projects and
28 programs concerned with the development and maintenance of bicycle
29 trails. Monies deposited in the fund shall be held in interest-bearing
30 accounts in public depositories as defined pursuant to section 1 of
31 P.L.1970, c.236 (C.17:9-41), and may be invested or reinvested in
32 such securities as are approved by the State Treasurer. Interest or
33 other income earned on monies deposited in the fund, and any monies
34 which may be appropriated or otherwise become available for the
35 purposes of the fund, shall be credited to and deposited in the fund for
36 use as set forth in this act.

37 b. Prior to the deposit into the fund of license plate fees collected
38 pursuant to section 1 of this act, amounts thereof as are necessary shall
39 be used to reimburse the division for all costs reasonably and actually
40 incurred, as stipulated by the director, for:

41 (1) producing, issuing, renewing and publicizing the availability of
42 bicycle trails license plates; and

43 (2) any initial computer programming changes that may be
44 necessary to implement the bicycle trails license plate program
45 established by this act.

