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1 **AN ACT** providing for the issuance of certain license plates for the
2 purpose of supporting programs and services for the prevention of
3 child abuse and neglect, amending P.L.1985, c.197 and
4 supplementing chapter 3 of Title 39 of the 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. (New section) a. The Director of the Division of Motor
10 Vehicles may, upon proper application, issue New Jersey Devils
11 license plates for a motor vehicle owned or leased and registered in the
12 State. In addition to the registration number and other markings or
13 identification otherwise prescribed by law, a New Jersey Devils license
14 plate shall display the words "New Jersey Devils" and depict the New
15 Jersey Devils emblem and be of a design approved by the director.
16 Issuance of New Jersey Devils license plates in accordance with this
17 section shall be subject to the limitations of section 3 of P.L.1959,
18 c.56 (C.39:3-33.5) and other applicable requirements of chapter 3 of
19 Title 39 of the Revised Statutes, except as hereinafter specifically
20 provided.

21 b. The director may, upon proper application, issue New Jersey
22 Nets license plates for a motor vehicle owned or leased and registered
23 in the State. In addition to the registration number and other markings
24 or identification otherwise prescribed by law, a New Jersey Nets
25 license plate shall display the words "New Jersey Nets" and depict the
26 New Jersey Nets emblem and be of a design approved by the director.
27 Issuance of New Jersey Nets license plates in accordance with this
28 section shall be subject to the limitations of section 3 of P.L.1959,
29 c.56 (C.39:3-33.5) and other applicable requirements of chapter 3 of
30 Title 39 of the Revised Statutes, except as hereinafter specifically
31 provided.

32 c. Application for issuance of a New Jersey Devils or New Jersey

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 Nets license plate shall be made to the director on forms and in a
2 manner as may be prescribed by the director. In order to be deemed
3 complete, an application shall be accompanied by a fee of \$50, payable
4 to the division, which shall be in addition to the fee otherwise
5 prescribed by law for the registration of motor vehicles. The annual
6 fee for the registration certificate of a motor vehicle that has been
7 issued a New Jersey Devils or New Jersey Nets license plate shall
8 include, in each year subsequent to the year of issuance, a New Jersey
9 Devils or New Jersey Nets license plate fee in the amount of \$10,
10 which shall be in addition to the fee for the renewal of the registration
11 certificate.

12 d. Moneys from the application and renewal fees collected by the
13 division for New Jersey Devils or New Jersey Nets license plates shall
14 be deposited in the Children's Trust Fund established pursuant to
15 section 2 of P.L.1985, c.197 (C.54A:9-25.4), and used for the
16 purposes of that act, except that an amount not to exceed \$100,000 of
17 the fees first collected from the issuance of these plates shall be
18 allocated to the division to defray the administrative costs necessary
19 to implement the provisions of this act.

20 e. The director shall notify eligible motorists of the opportunity to
21 obtain New Jersey Devils or New Jersey Nets license plates by
22 including a notice with all motor vehicle registration renewals, and by
23 posting appropriate posters or signs in all division facilities and offices.
24 The notices, posters, and signs shall be designed by the Commissioner
25 of Human Services, in consultation with the Child Life Protection
26 Commission, established pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1985, c.197
27 (C.9:6A-2), subject to the approval of the director. The Department
28 of Human Services shall supply the division with the notices, posters,
29 and signs to be circulated or posted by the division.

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31 2. (New section) The Commissioner of Human Services and the
32 director shall enter into an interagency memorandum of agreement
33 setting forth the procedures to be followed by the Department of
34 Human Services and the division in carrying out their respective
35 responsibilities under this act.

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37 3. Section 2 of P.L.1985, c.197 (C.54A:9-25.4) is amended to read
38 as follows:

39 2. a. There is established in the Department of the Treasury a
40 special fund to be known as the "Children's Trust Fund."

41 b. Each taxpayer shall have the opportunity to indicate on his New
42 Jersey gross income tax return that a portion of his tax refund or an
43 enclosed contribution be deposited in the special fund. The Director
44 of the Division of Taxation in the Department of the Treasury shall
45 provide each taxpayer with the opportunity to indicate his preference
46 on the tax return in substantially the following manner:

1 Children's Trust Fund: I wish to contribute \$5 ~, \$10 ~, other
2 amount \$.....~, to this fund.

3 The State Treasurer shall deposit into the fund all moneys
4 designated for the fund pursuant to this act and section 1 of P.L.,
5 c. (C.) (now pending before the Legislature as this bill).

6 (cf: P.L.1991, c.287, s.1)

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8 4. This act shall take effect on the 180th day after enactment, but
9 the director and the Commissioner of Human Services may take such
10 anticipatory acts in advance of that date as may be necessary for the
11 timely implementation of this act upon the effective date thereof.

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14 STATEMENT

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16 This bill directs the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to establish
17 a special New Jersey Devils and New Jersey Nets license plate
18 program. These teams are the only professional teams in the State that
19 are proud to declare they are from New Jersey. The special plates
20 would contain the words "New Jersey Devils" or "New Jersey Nets"
21 and the emblem for the respective team. The Director of the Division
22 of Motor Vehicles will need to approve of the design of the license
23 plates. A \$50 fee would be charged for the issuance of the plates, and
24 an additional \$10 fee would be collected for each annual renewal.

25 The moneys collected would be deposited into the "Children's Trust
26 Fund" established pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1985, c.197
27 (C.54A:9-25.4). This fund was established for the purposes of
28 planning and establishing or improving programs and
29 services for the prevention of child abuse and neglect. Of the fees first
30 collected from the issuance of these plates, however, an amount not to
31 exceed \$100,000 may be kept by the division to defray the
32 administrative costs necessary to implement the provisions of the bill.

33 The bill directs DMV to include in all mailings of motor vehicle
34 registration renewals a notice on the availability of these special
35 license plates. In addition, the division will post appropriate posters
36 or signs in all division facilities and offices to notify eligible motorists
37 of the opportunity to obtain these plates. The notices, posters and
38 signs will be designed by the Commissioner of Human Services, in
39 consultation with the Child Life Protection Commission, subject to the
40 approval of the director.

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45 Establishes a New Jersey Devils and a New Jersey Nets license plate;
46 dedicates fees to Children's Trust Fund and plate costs.