

[First Reprint]  
**SENATE, No. 135**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1996 SESSION

By Senator KYRILLOS

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

**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:

<sup>1</sup> Senate SNR committee amendments adopted February 22, 1996.

1 provisions of this act shall include in each year subsequent to the year  
2 of issuance a fee in the amount of \$10, which fee shall be in addition  
3 to all fees otherwise required by law for the renewal of the registration  
4 certificate of the motor vehicle and shall be collected by the division  
5 and deposited in the Bicycle Trails License Plate Fund created  
6 pursuant to section 2 of this act.

7 d. The director shall notify eligible motorists of the opportunity to  
8 obtain bicycle trails license plates by including a notice with all motor  
9 vehicle registration renewals, and by posting appropriate posters or  
10 signs in all division facilities and offices<sup>1</sup>[, as may be provided by the  
11 Department of Transportation. The notices, posters, and signs shall  
12 be designed by the department. The designs shall be subject to the  
13 approval of the director, and the department shall supply the division  
14 with the notices, posters, and signs to be circulated or posted by the  
15 division]<sup>1</sup>.

16 e. The director shall annually certify to the State Treasurer the  
17 average cost per license plate incurred in the immediately preceding  
18 year by the division in producing, issuing, renewing, and publicizing  
19 the availability of bicycle trails license plates. The annual certification  
20 of the average cost per license plate shall be approved by the Joint  
21 Budget Oversight Committee, or its successor.

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

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

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

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

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7 3. The Commissioner of Transportation and the State Treasurer  
8 shall develop and enter into an interagency memorandum of agreement  
9 setting forth the procedures to be followed by the departments in  
10 carrying out their respective responsibilities under this act.

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12 4. This act shall take effect on the 180th day after enactment, but  
13 the Commissioner of Transportation<sup>1</sup>[,] and<sup>1</sup> the State Treasurer<sup>1</sup> [and  
14 the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles]<sup>1</sup> may take such  
15 anticipatory acts in advance of that date as may be necessary for the  
16 timely implementation of this act upon the effective date thereof.

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21 Establishes special motor vehicle license plate and dedicates plate fees  
22 to support bicycle trail projects.