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SENATE, No. 210

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1996 SESSION

By Senators CONNORS and BASSANO

1 AN ACT establishing Pinelands preservation license plates and
2 supplementing chapter 3 of Title 39 and chapter 18A of Title 13 of
3 the Revised 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 for a motor vehicle registered in this
9 State special license plates bearing, in addition to the registration
10 number and other markings or identification otherwise prescribed by
11 law, words and an emblem indicating support for, or an interest in,
12 Pinelands preservation. The license plate shall be designed by the
13 director, in consultation with the Pinelands Commission created by
14 section 4 of P.L.1979, c.111 (C.13:18A-4). Issuance of Pinelands
15 preservation license plates shall be subject to all applicable
16 requirements of chapter 3 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes, except
17 as hereinafter otherwise specifically provided.

18 b. The director shall collect a \$50 application fee for the Pinelands
19 preservation license plate in addition to the fees otherwise prescribed
20 by law for the registration of the motor vehicle. The director shall
21 collect annually subsequent to the year of issuance of the license plate
22 a \$10 fee for the license plate in addition to the fees otherwise
23 prescribed by law for the registration of the motor vehicle. The
24 additional fees required by this subsection shall be deposited into the
25 Pinelands Preservation Fund, established pursuant to section 2 of
26 P.L. , c. (C.) (now pending before the Legislature as this
27 bill).

28 c. The director shall annually certify to the State Treasurer the
29 average cost per license plate incurred in the immediately preceding
30 year by the Division of Motor Vehicles in producing ¹[and],¹
31 issuing ¹, renewing, making computer programming changes in

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:

¹ Senate SSG committee amendments adopted May 9, 1996.

1 connection with and publicizing¹ the Pinelands preservation license
2 plates. On a quarterly basis, the State Treasurer shall transfer a sum
3 equal to the division's cost ¹[of producing and issuing] in connection
4 with¹ the Pinelands preservation license plates from the Pinelands
5 Preservation Fund, established pursuant to section 2 of P.L. , c.
6 (C.) (now before the Legislature as this bill), to the division.
7 ¹The annual certification of the average cost per license plate shall be
8 approved by the Joint Budget Oversight Committee, or its successor.¹

9 d. In the event that the average cost per license plate as certified
10 by the director and approved by the Joint Budget Oversight
11 Committee, or its successor, is greater than the \$50 application fee
12 established in subsection b. of this section in two consecutive fiscal
13 years, the director may discontinue the issuance of Pinelands
14 preservation license plates.

15 ¹e. The Pinelands Commission and the director shall develop and
16 enter into an interagency memorandum of agreement on procedures to
17 be followed to carry out their respective responsibilities under this
18 act.¹

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20 2. a. There is created in the Department of the Treasury a
21 non-lapsing, ¹[interest-bearing] revolving¹ fund to be known as the
22 "Pinelands Preservation Fund." The fund shall be the depository of the
23 fees collected pursuant to subsection b. of section 1 of
24 P.L. , c. (C.) (now before the Legislature as this bill).
25 Interest or other income earned on monies deposited into the Pinelands
26 Preservation Fund shall be credited to the fund.

27 b. Moneys in the Pinelands Preservation Fund shall be appropriated
28 and distributed exclusively: (1) to reimburse the Division of Motor
29 Vehicles for all costs incurred by that division, as stipulated by the
30 director of that division, in producing ¹[and],¹ issuing ¹renewing,
31 making computer programming changes in connection with and
32 publicizing¹ the Pinelands preservation license plates; (2) to pay for the
33 costs of surveys and appraisals and other necessary costs incurred by
34 the Department of Environmental Protection to acquire lands in the
35 Pinelands National Reserve that have limited practical use because of
36 their location and that are held by landowners who both own less than
37 50 acres in the reserve and have exhausted existing remedies to secure
38 relief; and (3) to pay for Pinelands acquisition projects approved by
39 the Commissioner of Environmental Protection in accordance with
40 applicable State and federal laws relating to the protection of the
41 Pinelands National Reserve and the pinelands area .

42 Of the initial fees collected from the issuance of Pinelands
43 preservation license plates, an amount not to exceed \$100,000 shall be
44 allocated to the Division of Motor Vehicles to pay the cost of any
45 computer programming changes that may be necessary to implement
46 the Pinelands ¹[protection] preservation¹ license plates program

1 established by this act.

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3 3. This act shall take effect on the 180th day after enactment.

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8 Establishes special license plate to aid Pinelands preservation.