

SENATE, No. 245

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1996 SESSION

By Senator ZANE

1 **AN ACT** concerning certain motor vehicle registration fees and
2 supplementing chapter 3 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes.

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

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7 1. If a personalized, courtesy or special license plate is issued to
8 the lessee in a motor vehicle leasing agreement, the license plate may
9 be transferred at the termination of the leasing agreement to another
10 motor vehicle leased or owned by the lessee. The license plate may be
11 transferred upon application to the director and upon payment of a fee
12 of \$4.50.

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14 2. The director may promulgate rules and regulations pursuant to
15 the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C. 52:14B-1 et
16 seq.) to effectuate the purposes of this act.

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18 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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22 This bill would allow people who lease motor vehicles and obtain
23 personalized, courtesy or special license plates to transfer those license
24 plates to their other vehicles after a lease agreement ends. Currently,
25 personalized license plates are considered registered to the motor
26 vehicle and not to the person who applies for them. This means that
27 the personalized plates must be surrendered and reapplied for when
28 intended for use on another vehicle, even if done by the original holder
29 of the plates. The result is the redundant payment of application fees
30 for the same license plates. This current system disfavors those who
31 choose to lease instead of purchase a motor vehicle. This bill would
32 allow lessees to pay the same fee to transfer their personalized,
33 courtesy or special license plates as do those who own their motor
34 vehicles.
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- 3 Enables transfer of personalized license plates from leased vehicles.