

SENATE, No. 284

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senator EWING

1 AN ACT concerning special license plates and supplementing chapter
2 3 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes and chapter 23 of Title 48 of
3 the New Jersey 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, the
12 New Jersey Network. The license plate shall be designed by the
13 director, in consultation with the New Jersey Public Broadcasting
14 Authority created by section 3 of P.L.1968, c.405 (C.48:23-3).

15 b. The director shall collect a \$50 application fee for the New
16 Jersey Network license plate in addition to the fees otherwise
17 prescribed by law for the registration of the motor vehicle. The
18 director shall collect in years subsequent to the year of issuance a \$40
19 fee for the license plate in addition to the fees otherwise prescribed by
20 law for the registration of the motor vehicle. The additional fees
21 required by this subsection shall be deposited into the New Jersey
22 Network Support Fund, established pursuant to section 2 of P.L. ,

23 c. (C.) (now pending before the Legislature as this bill). A
24 person who pays the additional fees shall become a member of the
25 New Jersey Network.

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27 2. a. There is created in the Department of the Treasury a
28 non-lapsing, revolving fund to be known as the "New Jersey Network
29 Support Fund." The fund shall be the depository of the fees collected
30 pursuant to subsection b. of section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.)
31 (now pending before the Legislature as this bill). Interest or other
32 income earned on monies deposited into the New Jersey Network
33 Support Fund shall be credited to the fund.

34 b. Moneys in the New Jersey Network Support Fund shall be
35 appropriated and distributed exclusively: (1) to reimburse the Division

1 of Motor Vehicles for all costs incurred by that division, as stipulated
2 by the director of that division, in producing and issuing the New
3 Jersey Network license plates; (2) for operational costs of the New
4 Jersey Network.

5 c. The Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles shall annually
6 certify to the State Treasurer the average cost per license plate
7 incurred in the immediately preceding year by the Division of Motor
8 Vehicles in producing and issuing the New Jersey Network license
9 plates. On a quarterly basis, the State Treasurer shall transfer a sum
10 equal to the division's cost of producing and issuing the New Jersey
11 Network license plates from the New Jersey Network Support Fund
12 to the division.

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

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STATEMENT

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19 This bill establishes a special New Jersey Network license plate,
20 with proceeds dedicated to the support of the New Jersey Network for
21 public television. The plate would bear words and an emblem,
22 designated by the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles in
23 consultation with the Director of the Public Broadcasting Authority,
24 indicating support for the network. Motor vehicle owners and lessees
25 would be able to obtain the plate for an initial fee of \$50 and an annual
26 \$40 renewal fee, in addition to the registration fees otherwise
27 prescribed by law. A person who pays the additional fees shall become
28 a member of the New Jersey Network. The additional fees would be
29 deposited in the "New Jersey Network Support Fund," created by the
30 bill, and used exclusively for license plate costs and New Jersey
31 Network operating expenses.

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36 Establishes special license plate to aid New Jersey Network.