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SENATE, No. 54

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1996 SESSION

By Senator O'CONNOR, Assemblymen Doria, Charles and Impreveduto

1 AN ACT providing for the issuance of certain license plates for the  
2 purpose of assisting in the support and funding of projects and  
3 programs at Liberty State Park, and supplementing chapter 3 of  
4 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. As used in this act:

10 "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Environmental  
11 Protection;

12 "Department" means the Department of Environmental Protection;

13 "Director" means the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles in  
14 the Department of Transportation;

15 "Division" means the Division of Motor Vehicles in the Department  
16 of Transportation;

17 "Fund" means the "Liberty State Park License Plate Fund" created  
18 pursuant to section 4 of this act.

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20 2. The Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles shall, upon  
21 proper application therefor, issue Liberty State Park license plates for  
22 any motor vehicle owned or leased and registered in the State. In  
23 addition to the registration number and other markings or  
24 identification otherwise prescribed by law, a Liberty State Park license  
25 plate shall display words or a slogan and an emblem indicating support  
26 for, or an interest in, Liberty State Park. The words or slogan and  
27 emblem shall be chosen by the director; however, the director shall  
28 solicit, in conjunction with the Legislature, input from the general  
29 public on the design of the plate and shall review the submissions prior  
30 to choosing the design. Issuance of Liberty State Park license plates  
31 in accordance with this section shall be subject to the provisions of  
32 chapter 3 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes, except as hereinafter  
33 otherwise specifically provided.

1       3. a. Application for issuance of a Liberty State Park license plate  
2 shall be made to the division on forms and in a manner as may be  
3 prescribed by the director. In order to be deemed complete, an  
4 application shall be accompanied by a fee of \$50 payable to the  
5 division, which fee shall be in addition to all fees otherwise required  
6 by law for the registration of the motor vehicle.

7       b. The annual fee for the registration certificate of a motor vehicle  
8 that has been issued a Liberty State Park license plate pursuant to the  
9 provisions of this act shall include in each year subsequent to the year  
10 of issuance a fee in the amount of \$10, which fee shall be in addition  
11 to all fees otherwise required by law for the renewal of the registration  
12 of the motor vehicle and shall be collected by the division and  
13 deposited in the Liberty State Park License Plate Fund created  
14 pursuant to section 4 of this act.

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16       4. There is created in the Department of Environmental Protection  
17 a special non-lapsing fund to be known as the "Liberty State Park  
18 License Plate Fund." There shall be deposited in the fund the amount  
19 collected from all license plate fees collected pursuant to section 3 of  
20 this act, less the amounts necessary to reimburse the division for  
21 administrative costs pursuant to section 5 of this act. Monies  
22 deposited in the fund shall be dedicated for support and funding of  
23 projects and programs at Liberty State Park. Monies deposited in the  
24 fund shall be held in interest-bearing accounts in public depositories as  
25 defined pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1970, c.236 (C.17:9-41), and may  
26 be invested or reinvested in such securities as are approved by the  
27 State Treasurer. Interest or other income earned on monies deposited  
28 in the fund, and any monies which may be appropriated or otherwise  
29 become available for the purposes of the fund, shall be credited to and  
30 deposited in the fund for use as set forth in this act.

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32       5. a. Prior to the deposit of license plate fees collected pursuant  
33 to section 3 of this act into the fund, amounts thereof as are necessary  
34 shall be used to reimburse the division for all costs reasonably and  
35 actually incurred, as stipulated by the director, for:

36       (1) producing, issuing, renewing, and publicizing the availability of  
37 Liberty State Park license plates; and

38       (2) any initial fees, in an amount conferred as necessary to the  
39 commissioner, collected from the issuance of Liberty State Park  
40 license plates to be allocated to the division to pay the cost of any  
41 computer programming changes that may be necessary to implement  
42 the Liberty State Park license plate program established by this act.

43       b. The director shall annually certify to the commissioner the  
44 average cost per license plate incurred in the immediately preceding  
45 year by the division in producing, issuing, renewing, and publicizing  
46 the availability of Liberty State Park license plates. The annual

1 certification of the average cost per license plate shall be approved by  
2 the Joint Budget Oversight Committee, or its successor.

3 c. In the event that the average cost per license plate as certified by  
4 the director and approved by the Joint Budget Oversight Committee,  
5 or its successor, is greater than the \$50 application fee established in  
6 subsection a. of section 3 of this act in two consecutive fiscal years,  
7 the director may discontinue the issuance of Liberty State Park license  
8 plates.

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10 6. The director shall notify eligible motorists of the opportunity to  
11 obtain Liberty State Park license plates by including a notice with all  
12 motor vehicle registration renewals, and by posting appropriate  
13 posters or signs in all division facilities and offices, as may be provided  
14 by the department. The notices, posters, and signs shall be designed  
15 by the commissioner. The designs shall be subject to the approval of  
16 the director, and the commissioner shall supply the division with the  
17 notices, posters, and signs to be circulated or posted by that division.

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19 7. The commissioner, the director, and the State Treasurer shall  
20 develop and enter into an interagency memorandum of agreement  
21 setting forth the procedures to be followed by the departments and  
22 the division in carrying out their respective responsibilities under this  
23 act.

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25 8. This act shall take effect on the 180th day after enactment, but  
26 the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, the State Treasurer,  
27 and the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles may take such  
28 anticipatory acts in advance of that date as may be necessary for the  
29 timely implementation of this act upon the effective date thereof.

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34 Establishes Liberty State Park license plate; dedicates fees therefrom  
35 to support park projects and programs.