

SENATE SENIOR CITIZENS, VETERANS' AFFAIRS AND
AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 772

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 7, 1996

The Senate Senior Citizens, Veterans' Affairs and Agriculture Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 772.

As amended, this bill would establish a special equine license plate, with proceeds dedicated to the Horse Park of New Jersey. The issuance of this special equine license plate would be conditioned upon a demonstration, by the Horse Park of New Jersey at Stone Tavern, Inc. to the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles, that sufficient interest exists in purchasing the plate. The plate would bear words and an emblem designed by the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles in consultation with the State Board of Agriculture and the New Jersey Equine Advisory Board. Motor vehicle owners and lessees would be able to obtain the plate for an initial fee of \$50 and an annual \$10 renewal fee, in addition to the registration fees otherwise prescribed by law.

The additional fees would be deposited in the Horse Park Fund, created by the bill, and used exclusively for license plate costs and expenses associated with the operation and development of the Horse Park of New Jersey.

The Horse Park of New Jersey at Stone Tavern, Inc., located in Allentown, Monmouth County, represents a unique combination of State government, horse industry, and private, not-for-profit groups working together to develop a modern and versatile world-class facility for exhibiting and viewing horses. The Horse Park is a not-for-profit educational organization which sponsors activities that include horse shows, seminars on horse health and care, youth programs, breed group activities, and handicapped rider programs, among others.

The committee amended the bill to require the Horse Park of New Jersey at Stone Tavern, Inc. to demonstrate to the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles, that sufficient interest exists in purchasing the plate.