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SENATE, No. 1718

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senators KYRILLOS and SINGER

1 AN ACT providing for the issuance of special license plates to military  
2 veterans and supplementing chapter 3 of Title 39 of the Revised  
3 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. As used in this act:

9 "Armed forces" means the United States Air Force, Army, Coast  
10 Guard, Marines or Navy.

11 "Veteran" means a person who has been honorably discharged or  
12 released under honorable circumstances from active military service in  
13 a branch of the armed forces.

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15 2. a. Upon the application of a person who qualifies as a veteran  
16 of the armed forces, the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles  
17 shall issue for a motor vehicle owned or leased by the applicant special  
18 license plates bearing the word "VETERAN," in addition to the other  
19 markings or identification otherwise prescribed by law. <sup>1</sup>[The special  
20 plates also may contain an appropriate slogan or emblem, or a  
21 designation of the war or conflict in which the veteran served, as  
22 determined by the director in consultation with the Adjutant General  
23 of the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs and  
24 representatives of veterans' organizations.]<sup>1</sup> A veteran shall not use  
25 the special plates on a motor vehicle other than the vehicle for which  
26 they were issued.

27 b. The <sup>1</sup>[fee] application<sup>1</sup> for a special veterans' license plate issued  
28 pursuant to this act shall be <sup>1</sup>accompanied by a \$25<sup>1</sup>[.] fee payable to  
29 the Division of Motor Vehicles which shall be<sup>1</sup> in addition to fees  
30 otherwise required by law. <sup>1</sup>The application fee shall be retained by  
31 the division and used to cover its costs for producing and issuing the

**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:**

<sup>1</sup> Senate SSV committee amendments adopted January 14, 1997.

1 special veterans' license plate.

2 c. A veteran who receives a special veterans' license plate issued  
3 pursuant to this act may display thereon an appropriate slogan or  
4 emblem, or a designation of the war or conflict in which the veteran  
5 served, as determined by the Director of the Division of Motor  
6 Vehicles in consultation with the Adjutant General of the Department  
7 of Military and Veterans' Affairs and representatives of veterans'  
8 organizations. The director may promulgate rules and regulations  
9 governing the use, design, materials and placement of the slogan or  
10 emblem.

11 d. The director may discontinue issuance of the special veterans'  
12 license plate if the director determines that because of infrequent  
13 applications therefor, production of the plate is no longer warranted.<sup>1</sup>

14 <sup>1</sup>[c.] e.<sup>1</sup> The surviving spouse of a deceased veteran may retain the  
15 special license plates issued to the veteran under this act for display on  
16 a motor vehicle registered to the spouse pursuant to R.S.39:3-4 if the  
17 spouse is licensed to drive in this State pursuant to R.S.39:3-10.

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19 3. This act shall take effect on the 180th day after enactment, but  
20 the director may take such anticipatory acts in advance of that date as  
21 may be necessary for the timely implementation of this act upon its  
22 effective date.

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27 Provides for the issuance of special motor vehicle license plates to  
28 certain veterans.