

SENATE, No. 1882

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senators BENNETT and PALAIA

1 AN ACT concerning motor vehicle registration plates and
2 supplementing 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. a. Upon the application of any person who is the owner or lessee
8 of a motor vehicle registered in this State, the Director of the Division
9 of Motor Vehicles shall issue special New Jersey Devils registration
10 plates. In addition to the registration number and other markings or
11 identification otherwise prescribed by law, a New Jersey Devils license
12 plate shall display the words "New Jersey Devils," depict the New
13 Jersey Devils emblem and be of a design approved by the director.
14 Issuance of New Jersey Devils license plates in accordance with this
15 section shall be subject to the limitations of section 3 of P.L.1959,
16 c.56 (C.39:3-33.5) and other applicable requirements of chapter 3 of
17 Title 39 of the Revised Statutes.

18 b. The application fee for the New Jersey Devils registration plates
19 shall be \$50, in addition to the fees otherwise prescribed by law for the
20 registration of a motor vehicle. The portion of the application fee
21 necessary to defray the reasonable and actual cost of producing,
22 issuing, renewing, making computer programming changes in
23 connection with and publicizing these special plates shall be allocated
24 to the division.

25 c. The director shall promulgate rules and regulations pursuant to
26 the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
27 seq.) necessary to effectuate the purpose of this act.

28 d. The director shall inform eligible motorists of the opportunity to
29 obtain New Jersey Devils license plates by including a notice with
30 motor vehicle registration renewals and posting appropriate posters or
31 signs in division facilities and offices. The notices, posters and signs
32 shall be designed by the director.

33 e. In the event that the average cost per license plate as certified by
34 the director and approved by the Joint Budget Oversight Committee,
35 or its successor, is greater than the \$50 application fee established in
36 subsection b. of this section in two consecutive fiscal years, the

1 director may discontinue the issuance of New Jersey Devils license
2 plates.

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4 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the sixth month after
5 enactment.

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STATEMENT

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10 This bill directs the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to establish
11 a special New Jersey Devils license plate. The New Jersey Devils
12 hockey team is one of the State's professional sports teams; these
13 license plates will allow fans to proudly display their support for the
14 team. The special plates would contain the words "New Jersey
15 Devils" and the team's emblem. A \$50 fee would be charged to fund
16 the issuance of the plates, in addition to the fees otherwise required for
17 the registration of motor vehicles. There would not be an additional
18 renewal fee in subsequent years. The bill directs the DMV to include
19 information on the special plates in mailings of motor vehicle
20 registration renewal notices. In addition, the division would be
21 required to post appropriate posters or signs in its facilities to notify
22 eligible motorists of the opportunity to obtain these plates.

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27 Establishes New Jersey Devils license plate.