

SENATE, No. 2235

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED NOVEMBER 17, 1997

By Senators SINGER and BARK

1 AN ACT concerning license plates and supplementing chapter 3 of
2 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 request of a municipal police department, the
8 director shall issue license plates that may be displayed by the
9 department on motor vehicles being used for surveillance purposes.
10 These license plates shall be indistinguishable in appearance and
11 markings from plates issued to the general public and may be
12 displayed interchangeably on more than one motor vehicle. Except as
13 provided in this section, the issuance and use of these license plates
14 shall be subject to all applicable provisions of law governing license
15 plates for motor vehicles owned by a municipality.

16 b. Pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968,
17 c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), the director may adopt rules and
18 regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.

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20 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the sixth month
21 following enactment.

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STATEMENT

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26 This bill would authorize the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV)
27 in the Department of Transportation to issue special license plates for
28 use by a municipal police department when performing surveillance.
29 Local police at times have access to vehicles, provided through used
30 car dealers and other sources, that may be used for such undercover
31 work. This bill would provide a police department with a set of
32 license plates that could be displayed interchangeably on these vehicles
33 when they are being used for surveillance purposes. These license
34 plates would be indistinguishable in appearance and markings from
35 those issued by DMV to the general public.

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3 Authorizes police surveillance license plates.