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P.L. 2023, CHAPTER 292, *approved January 16, 2024*
Assembly, No. 203 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning the creation of special license plates
2 commemorating the horse as the State animal and supplementing
3 chapter 3 of Title 39 of the Revised 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. a. Upon proper application, the Chief Administrator of the
9 New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall issue State Animal
10 license plates for any motor vehicle owned or leased and registered
11 in this State. In addition to the registration number and other
12 markings or identification otherwise prescribed by law, the license
13 plates shall display the words "State Animal," and an emblem
14 indicating that the horse is the official New Jersey State Animal.
15 The chief administrator shall, in consultation with the Secretary of
16 Agriculture, select the design and color scheme of the State Animal
17 license plates. The State Animal license plates shall be subject to
18 the provisions of chapter 3 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes,
19 except as hereinafter otherwise specifically provided.

20 b. Application for issuance of State Animal license plates shall
21 be made to the chief administrator on forms and in a manner
22 prescribed by the chief administrator. In order to be deemed
23 complete, an application shall be accompanied by a fee of \$50,
24 payable to the commission, which shall be in addition to the fees
25 otherwise prescribed by law for the registration of a motor vehicle.

26 The chief administrator shall collect annually, subsequent to the
27 year of issuance of the State Animal license plates, a \$10 fee for the
28 license plates in addition to the fees otherwise prescribed by law for
29 the registration of a motor vehicle. The additional fees required by
30 this subsection shall be deposited in the "State Animal License
31 Plate Fund" created pursuant to subsection c. of this section.

32 c. There is created in the Department of the Treasury a special
33 non-lapsing fund to be known as the "State Animal License Plate
34 Fund." There shall be deposited in the fund the amount collected
35 from all license plate fees collected pursuant to subsection b. of this
36 section, less the amounts necessary to reimburse the commission for

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate STR committee amendments adopted November 27, 2023.

1 the administrative costs pursuant to subsection d. of this section.
2 Monies deposited in the fund shall be appropriated annually to the
3 New Jersey Department of Agriculture to support any departmental
4 program to support the health and welfare of horses and to provide
5 ~~['therapeutic riding]~~ equine-assisted therapeutic programs¹ to
6 individuals with special needs in the State. Monies deposited in the
7 fund shall be held in interest bearing accounts in public depositories
8 as defined pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1970, c.236 (C.17:9-41), and
9 may be invested or reinvested in such securities as are approved by
10 the State Treasurer. Interest or other income earned on monies
11 deposited in the fund, and any monies which may be appropriated
12 or otherwise become available for the purposes of the fund, shall be
13 credited to and deposited in the fund for use as set forth in this
14 section.

15 d. Prior to the deposit of the additional fees collected pursuant
16 to subsection b. of this section into the "State Animal License Plate
17 Fund," amounts thereof as are necessary shall be used to reimburse
18 the commission for all costs reasonably and actually incurred, as
19 stipulated by the chief administrator, for:

20 (1) designing, producing, issuing, renewing, and publicizing the
21 availability of the State Animal license plates; and

22 (2) any computer programming changes that may be initially
23 necessary to implement the State Animal license plate program in
24 an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

25 The chief administrator shall annually certify to the State
26 Treasurer the average cost per license plate incurred in the
27 immediately preceding year by the commission in producing,
28 issuing, renewing, and publicizing the availability of the State
29 Animal license plates. The annual certification of the average cost
30 per license plate shall be approved by the Joint Budget Oversight
31 Committee, or its successor.

32 In the event that the average cost per license plate as certified by
33 the chief administrator and approved by the Joint Budget Oversight
34 Committee, or its successor, is greater than the \$50 application fee
35 established in subsection b. of this section in two consecutive fiscal
36 years, the chief administrator may discontinue the issuance of State
37 Animal license plates.

38 e. The chief administrator shall notify eligible motorists of the
39 opportunity to obtain State Animal license plates by publicizing the
40 availability of the license plates on the website of the commission.
41 The New Jersey Department of Agriculture, and any other
42 individual or entity designated by the department, may publicize the
43 availability of the license plates in any manner the department
44 deems appropriate.

45 f. The chief administrator and the Secretary of Agriculture
46 shall develop and enter into a memorandum of agreement setting
47 forth the procedures to be followed in carrying out their respective

1 responsibilities under P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
2 Legislature as this bill).

3 g. The Secretary of Agriculture shall appoint a representative
4 who shall act as a liaison between the department and the
5 commission. The liaison shall represent the department in any and
6 all communications with the commission regarding the license
7 plates established by P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
8 Legislature as this bill).

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10 2. a. State or public funds shall not be used by the
11 commission for the initial cost of:

12 (1) designing, producing, issuing, and publicizing the
13 availability of State Animal license plates; or

14 (2) any computer programming changes which may be
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16 established by P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
17 Legislature as this bill).

18 b. An individual or entity designated by the Secretary of
19 Agriculture shall contribute non-public monies in an amount to be
20 determined by the chief administrator, not to exceed a total of
21 \$25,000, to be used to offset the initial costs incurred by the
22 commission for designing, producing, issuing, and publicizing the
23 availability of State Animal license plates, and any computer
24 programming which may be necessary to implement the program.
25 Concerned organizations and individual donors may contribute
26 monies to the department to be used to offset the initial costs
27 incurred by the commission for the State Animal license plates
28 authorized by P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
29 Legislature as this bill). Any amount remaining after the payment
30 of the initial cost shall be deposited in the “State Animal License
31 Plate Fund” established pursuant to subsection c. of section 1 of
32 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

33 c. The commission shall not begin designing, producing,
34 issuing, or publicizing the availability of State Animal license
35 plates, or making any necessary programming changes, until the
36 following requirements have been met:

37 (1) The individual or entity designated by the Secretary of
38 Agriculture has provided the commission with the money necessary,
39 as determined by the chief administrator pursuant to subsection b.
40 of this section, to offset the initial costs incurred by the commission
41 in establishing the State Animal license plate program; and

42 (2) The liaison appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture
43 pursuant to subsection g. of section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.)
44 (pending before the Legislature as this bill) has provided the
45 commission with not less than 500 completed applications for State
46 Animal license plates. These applications shall constitute the initial
47 order for State Animal license plates and shall be accompanied by a
48 fee representing the total cost of the initial order. The fee shall be

1 determined by multiplying the number of sets of license plates
2 being ordered by the applicable initial fee for each set of license
3 plates as set forth in subsection b. of section 1 of
4 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

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6 3. This act shall take effect immediately, but shall remain
7 inoperative until the first day of the 13th month following the date
8 on which the conditions set forth in paragraphs (1) and (2) of
9 subsection c. of section 2 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before
10 the Legislature as this bill) have been satisfied. The chief
11 administrator may take such anticipatory actions in advance of that
12 date as may be necessary for the timely implementation of
13 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).
14 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)
15 shall expire if the conditions set forth in paragraphs (1) and (2) of
16 subsection c. of section 2 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before
17 the Legislature as this bill) are not satisfied by the last day of the
18 12th month following enactment.

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23 Authorizes creation of special license plates commemorating
24 horse as State animal.

ASSEMBLY, No. 203

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

220th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2022 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman KEVIN J. ROONEY
District 40 (Bergen, Essex, Morris and Passaic)
Assemblyman DANIEL R. BENSON
District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex)
Assemblyman RALPH R. CAPUTO
District 28 (Essex)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblymen Thomson, DiMaio and Assemblywoman McCarthy Patrick

SYNOPSIS

Authorizes creation of special license plates commemorating horse as State animal.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 10/11/2022)

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31 Plate Fund" created pursuant to subsection c. of this section.

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34 Fund." There shall be deposited in the fund the amount collected
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36 section, less the amounts necessary to reimburse the commission for
37 the administrative costs pursuant to subsection d. of this section.
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46 other income earned on monies deposited in the fund, and any
47 monies which may be appropriated or otherwise become available

1 for the purposes of the fund, shall be credited to and deposited in
2 the fund for use as set forth in this section.

3 d. Prior to the deposit of the additional fees collected pursuant
4 to subsection b. of this section into the "State Animal License Plate
5 Fund," amounts thereof as are necessary shall be used to reimburse
6 the commission for all costs reasonably and actually incurred, as
7 stipulated by the chief administrator, for:

8 (1) designing, producing, issuing, renewing, and publicizing the
9 availability of the State Animal license plates; and

10 (2) any computer programming changes that may be initially
11 necessary to implement the State Animal license plate program in
12 an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

13 The chief administrator shall annually certify to the State
14 Treasurer the average cost per license plate incurred in the
15 immediately preceding year by the commission in producing,
16 issuing, renewing, and publicizing the availability of the State
17 Animal license plates. The annual certification of the average cost
18 per license plate shall be approved by the Joint Budget Oversight
19 Committee, or its successor.

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21 the chief administrator and approved by the Joint Budget Oversight
22 Committee, or its successor, is greater than the \$50 application fee
23 established in subsection b. of this section in two consecutive fiscal
24 years, the chief administrator may discontinue the issuance of State
25 Animal license plates.

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27 opportunity to obtain State Animal license plates by publicizing the
28 availability of the license plates on the website of the commission.
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31 availability of the license plates in any manner the department
32 deems appropriate.

33 f. The chief administrator and the Secretary of Agriculture
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35 forth the procedures to be followed in carrying out their respective
36 responsibilities under P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
37 Legislature as this bill).

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39 who shall act as a liaison between the department and the
40 commission. The liaison shall represent the department in any and
41 all communications with the commission regarding the license
42 plates established by P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
43 Legislature as this bill).

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45 2. a. State or public funds shall not be used by the
46 commission for the initial cost of:

47 (1) designing, producing, issuing, and publicizing the
48 availability of State Animal license plates; or

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1 (2) any computer programming changes which may be
2 necessary to implement the State Animal license plate program
3 established by P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
4 Legislature as this bill).

5 b. An individual or entity designated by the Secretary of
6 Agriculture shall contribute non-public monies in an amount to be
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9 commission for designing, producing, issuing, and publicizing the
10 availability of State Animal license plates, and any computer
11 programming which may be necessary to implement the program.
12 Concerned organizations and individual donors may contribute
13 monies to the department to be used to offset the initial costs
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15 authorized by P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
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17 of the initial cost shall be deposited in the "State Animal License
18 Plate Fund" established pursuant to subsection c. of section 1 of
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22 plates, or making any necessary programming changes, until the
23 following requirements have been met:

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25 Agriculture has provided the commission with the money necessary,
26 as determined by the chief administrator pursuant to subsection b.
27 of this section, to offset the initial costs incurred by the commission
28 in establishing the State Animal license plate program; and

29 (2) The liaison appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture
30 pursuant to subsection g. of section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.)
31 (pending before the Legislature as this bill) has provided the
32 commission with not less than 500 completed applications for State
33 Animal license plates. These applications shall constitute the initial
34 order for State Animal license plates and shall be accompanied by a
35 fee representing the total cost of the initial order. The fee shall be
36 determined by multiplying the number of sets of license plates
37 being ordered by the applicable initial fee for each set of license
38 plates as set forth in subsection b. of section 1 of
39 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

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41 3. This act shall take effect immediately, but shall remain
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2 shall expire if the conditions set forth in paragraphs (1) and (2) of
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4 the Legislature as this bill) are not satisfied by the last day of the
5 12th month following enactment.

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STATEMENT

10 This bill authorizes the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission
11 (commission) to issue special State Animal license plates. The
12 license plates are to be designed by the Chief Administrator of the
13 New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (chief administrator), in
14 consultation with the Secretary (secretary) of the New Jersey
15 Department of Agriculture (department), and feature an emblem
16 that indicates that the horse is the official State Animal of New
17 Jersey.

18 In addition to the required motor vehicle registration fees, there
19 is an application fee of \$50 and an annual renewal fee of \$10 for the
20 State Animal license plates. After deducting the costs to implement
21 the plates, the additional fees collected are to be deposited into the
22 “State Animal License Plate Fund.” The proceeds of the fund are to
23 be appropriated annually to the department to support any
24 departmental program to support the health and wellbeing of horses
25 and to provide therapeutic riding to individuals with special needs
26 in the State.

27 The chief administrator is required to annually certify the
28 average cost of producing, issuing, and publicizing the availability
29 of the specialty license plates. If the average cost per plate exceeds
30 \$50 in two consecutive fiscal years, the chief administrator may
31 discontinue the State Animal license plate program. The bill also
32 requires that the secretary appoint a liaison to represent the
33 department in all communications with the commission regarding
34 the State Animal license plates.

35 The bill provides that State or other public funds may not be
36 used by the commission for the initial cost to implement the State
37 Animal license plate program. The bill requires an individual or
38 entity designated by the secretary to contribute non-public monies,
39 not to exceed \$25,000, to offset the initial costs to design, produce,
40 issue, and publicize the license plates and for any computer
41 programming necessary to implement the program. The bill
42 authorizes the department to receive funds from private sources to
43 be used to offset the initial costs.

44 The chief administrator is not required to design, produce, issue,
45 or publicize the availability of the State Animal license plates, or
46 make any necessary programming changes, until: (1) an individual
47 or entity designated by the secretary has provided the commission
48 with the money necessary to offset the initial costs incurred by the

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1 commission in establishing the State Animal license plate program;
2 and (2) the secretary, or the secretary's designee, has provided the
3 commission with a minimum of 500 completed applications for the
4 State Animal license plates, upon the availability for purchase of
5 those license plates.

6 The provisions of the bill will remain inoperative until the
7 appropriate applications and fees required to offset the initial costs
8 incurred by the commission are provided by the department's
9 designee. The bill expires after 12 months if sufficient applications
10 and fees to offset the initial costs are not received.

ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION AND INDEPENDENT
AUTHORITIES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 203

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 11, 2023

The Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 203.

As reported, this bill authorizes the Chief Administrator (chief administrator) of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (commission) to issue special State Animal license plates. The license plates are to be designed by the chief administrator, in consultation with the Secretary (secretary) of the New Jersey Department of Agriculture (department), and feature an emblem that indicates that the horse is the official State Animal of New Jersey.

In addition to the required motor vehicle registration fees, there is an application fee of \$50 and an annual renewal fee of \$10 for the State Animal license plates. After deducting the costs to implement the plates, the additional fees collected are to be deposited into the "State Animal License Plate Fund." The proceeds of the fund are to be appropriated annually to the department to support any departmental program to support the health and welfare of horses and to provide therapeutic riding to individuals with special needs in the State.

The chief administrator is required to annually certify the average cost of producing, issuing, renewing, and publicizing the availability of the specialty license plates. If the average cost per plate exceeds \$50 in two consecutive fiscal years, the chief administrator may discontinue the State Animal license plate program. The bill also requires that the secretary appoint a liaison to represent the department in all communications with the commission regarding the State Animal license plates.

The bill provides that State or other public funds may not be used by the commission for the initial cost to implement the State Animal license plate program. The bill requires an individual or entity designated by the secretary to contribute non-public monies, not to exceed \$25,000, to offset the initial costs to design, produce, issue, and publicize the license plates and for any computer programming necessary to implement the program. The bill authorizes the department to receive funds from private sources to be used to offset the initial costs.

The commission is not required to design, produce, issue, or publicize the availability of the State Animal license plates, or make

any necessary programming changes, until: (1) an individual or entity designated by the secretary has provided the commission with the money necessary to offset the initial costs incurred by the commission in establishing the State Animal license plate program; and (2) the liaison appointed by the secretary has provided the commission with a minimum of 500 completed applications for the State Animal license plates.

The provisions of the bill will remain inoperative until the first day of the 13th month after the appropriate applications and fees required to offset the initial costs incurred by the commission are provided to the commission. The bill expires if sufficient applications and fees to offset the initial costs are not received on the last day of the 12th month.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2022-2023 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 203

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 27, 2023

The Senate Transportation Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 203.

As amended and reported, this bill authorizes the Chief Administrator (chief administrator) of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (commission) to issue special State Animal license plates. The license plates are to be designed by the chief administrator, in consultation with the Secretary (secretary) of the New Jersey Department of Agriculture (department), and feature an emblem that indicates that the horse is the official State Animal of New Jersey.

In addition to the required motor vehicle registration fees, there is an application fee of \$50 and an annual renewal fee of \$10 for the State Animal license plates. After deducting the costs to implement the plates, the additional fees collected are to be deposited into the "State Animal License Plate Fund." The proceeds of the fund are to be appropriated annually to the department to support any departmental program to support the health and welfare of horses and to provide equine-assisted therapeutic programs to individuals with special needs in the State.

The chief administrator is required to annually certify the average cost of producing, issuing, renewing, and publicizing the availability of the specialty license plates. If the average cost per plate exceeds \$50 in two consecutive fiscal years, the chief administrator may discontinue the State Animal license plate program. The bill also requires that the secretary appoint a liaison to represent the department in all communications with the commission regarding the State Animal license plates.

The bill provides that State or other public funds may not be used by the commission for the initial cost to implement the State Animal license plate program. The bill requires an individual or entity designated by the secretary to contribute non-public monies, not to exceed \$25,000, to offset the initial costs to design, produce, issue, and publicize the license plates and for any computer programming necessary to implement the program. The bill authorizes the department to receive funds from private sources to be used to offset the initial costs.

The commission is not required to design, produce, issue, or publicize the availability of the State Animal license plates, or make any necessary programming changes, until: (1) an individual or entity designated by the secretary has provided the commission with the money necessary to offset the initial costs incurred by the commission in establishing the State Animal license plate program; and (2) the liaison appointed by the secretary has provided the commission with a minimum of 500 completed applications for the State Animal license plates.

The provisions of the bill will remain inoperative until the appropriate applications and fees required to offset the initial costs incurred by the commission are provided to the commission. The bill expires after 12 months if sufficient applications and fees to offset the initial costs are not received.

As amended and reported by the committee, Assembly Bill No. 203 is identical to Senate Bill No. 2884, which was also amended and reported by the committee on this date.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to expand the scope of eligible programs for which the monies deposited into the “State Animal License Plate Fund” are required to be annually appropriated. Specifically, the amendments provide that, in addition to programs supporting the health and welfare of horse, these monies would be appropriated to provide any equine-assisted therapeutic programs to individuals with special needs in the State. As introduced, only therapeutic riding programs would have been eligible for funding under the bill.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE
ASSEMBLY, No. 203
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
220th LEGISLATURE

DATED: MAY 30, 2023

SUMMARY

Synopsis: Authorizes creation of special license plates commemorating horse as State animal.

Type of Impact: Annual State revenue and expenditure increases.

Agencies Affected: New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission; Department of Agriculture

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Thereafter</u>
State Expenditure Increase	\$65,700	Indeterminate
State Revenue Increase	\$50,000	At least \$15,700

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) finds that the bill will produce annual State revenue and expenditure increases that will largely offset one another. The OLS cannot quantify the annual increases because it is unclear how many applications the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission will receive for the new State Animal license plate. However, the OLS notes that the commission is required to receive a minimum of 500 applications for the new specialty plate to implement the bill.
- The bill establishes the State Animal license plate program in such a manner that the commission may fully recover the expenses incurred in administering the program. The commission has identified its initial cost of designing and establishing a new license plate series as \$65,700, which is largely attributable to computer system changes and the initial print run of 550 plates.
- The commission will receive a \$50 State Animal license plate application fee and a \$10 annual renewal fee. Initial fee collections will reimburse the commission for the expenses it incurs in administering the program. In addition, the commission will have to receive an initial payment of up to \$25,000 and a minimum of 500 license plate applications for a total of \$50,000 to offset initial costs before license plate production begins. The commission will then be permitted to retain additional fee amounts until its costs are fully reimbursed.

- After the commission's cost recovery, indeterminate excess application renewal fee collections will be appropriated to the New Jersey Department of Agriculture for horse welfare programs and to provide therapeutic riding to individuals with special needs.

BILL DESCRIPTION

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The commission is required to certify annually the average cost of producing, issuing, renewing, and publicizing the availability of the specialty license plates. If the average cost per plate exceeds \$50 in two consecutive fiscal years, the chief administrator may discontinue the State Animal license plate program. The bill also requires that the department appoint a liaison to represent the department in all communications with the commission regarding the State Animal license plates.

The bill prohibits the commission from using State or other public funds to cover the initial cost of implementing the State Animal license plate program. The bill requires an individual or entity designated by the department to contribute non-public monies, not to exceed \$25,000, to offset the initial costs to design, produce, issue, and publicize the license plates and for any computer programming necessary to implement the program. The bill also permits the department to receive funds from private sources to offset the initial costs.

The commission is not required to design, produce, issue, or publicize the availability of the State Animal license plates or make any necessary programming changes until: (1) an individual or entity designated by the department has provided the commission with the money necessary to offset the initial costs incurred by the commission in establishing the State Animal license plate program; and (2) the department has provided the commission with a minimum of 500 completed applications for the State Animal license plates and the accompanying application fees.

The provisions of the bill will remain inoperative until the appropriate applications and fees required to offset the initial costs incurred by the commission are provided by the department's designee. The bill expires on the last day of the 12th month after the bill's enactment if sufficient applications and fees to offset the initial costs are not received by that date.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The OLS finds that the bill will produce annual State revenue and expenditure increases that will largely offset one another. The OLS cannot quantify the annual increases because it is unclear how many applications the commission will receive for the new specialty license plate.

The bill establishes the State animal license plate program in such a manner that the commission may fully recover the expenses it incurs in administering the program. If the number of license plate applications is below 500 in the first 12 months following the effective date, the bill will expire without the creation of the license plate program. Conversely, if the number of applications is equal to or greater than 500, the commission will be able to recover its costs within no more than three years of the creation of the program.

Before the commission begins designing and producing the license plates, an entity designated by the department is required to provide up to \$25,000 and pre-register 500 applicants for the license plates. This requirement ensures that the commission will be able to recover its initial costs of producing the license plates. If enough funds are not provided, the commission will not be required to produce the license plates. The payment of up to \$25,000 is required to come from private sources, so the amount is not expected to be a State or local cost.

Upon production of the license plates, the commission may still discontinue the program if the production cost exceeds \$50 per license plate, which is the initial fee that the commission will collect for each plate. This ensures that the commission will not experience any net costs in the administration of this license plate program. The current cost per plate to the commission is \$6.60, so it is unlikely that the commission will experience any net cost in the administration of the program.

In response to an FY 2017-2018 OLS Discussion Point, the commission indicated that it faced an upfront cost of \$65,700 to set up a license plate program, which includes computer changes and the initial print run of 550 license plates. The requirements of the bill would provide the commission with the first \$50,000 of those costs through the initial \$25,000 payment and the first 500 license plate sales. The remaining \$15,700 would either be recovered through the sale of additional State Animal license plates or by retaining collections from the \$10 annual fee. The first 500 plate sales will generate \$5,000 per year from the \$10 annual renewal fee. As a result, in the event that no other plates are purchased under the program, the commission will largely recover the remaining costs after three years of collecting the annual fee.

The bill prevents the commission from realizing net revenues in administering the program because the bill requires the commission to deposit all program fees into a special fund to be appropriated to the department for certain programs once the commission has subtracted its costs of administering the program. The combination of guaranteed fee collection for the commission and the limit on retaining any fees greater than its cost creates a scenario where there is likely to be no net fiscal impact to the commission for administering this license plate program.

Section: Authorities, Utilities, Transportation and Communications

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This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).

SENATE, No. 2884

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
220th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 20, 2022

Sponsored by:

Senator ANTHONY M. BUCCO

District 25 (Morris and Somerset)

SYNOPSIS

Authorizes creation of special license plates commemorating horse as State animal.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning the creation of special license plates
2 commemorating the horse as the State animal and supplementing
3 chapter 3 of Title 39 of the Revised 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. a. Upon proper application, the Chief Administrator of the
9 New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall issue State Animal
10 license plates for any motor vehicle owned or leased and registered
11 in this State. In addition to the registration number and other
12 markings or identification otherwise prescribed by law, the license
13 plates shall display the words "State Animal," and an emblem
14 indicating that the horse is the official New Jersey State Animal.
15 The chief administrator shall, in consultation with the Secretary of
16 Agriculture, select the design and color scheme of the State Animal
17 license plates. The State Animal license plates shall be subject to
18 the provisions of chapter 3 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes,
19 except as hereinafter otherwise specifically provided.

20 b. Application for issuance of State Animal license plates shall
21 be made to the chief administrator on forms and in a manner
22 prescribed by the chief administrator. In order to be deemed
23 complete, an application shall be accompanied by a fee of \$50,
24 payable to the commission, which shall be in addition to the fees
25 otherwise prescribed by law for the registration of a motor vehicle.

26 The chief administrator shall collect annually, subsequent to the
27 year of issuance of the State Animal license plates, a \$10 fee for the
28 license plates in addition to the fees otherwise prescribed by law for
29 the registration of a motor vehicle. The additional fees required by
30 this subsection shall be deposited in the "State Animal License
31 Plate Fund" created pursuant to subsection c. of this section.

32 c. There is created in the Department of the Treasury a special
33 non-lapsing fund to be known as the "State Animal License Plate
34 Fund." There shall be deposited in the fund the amount collected
35 from all license plate fees collected pursuant to subsection b. of this
36 section, less the amounts necessary to reimburse the commission for
37 the administrative costs pursuant to subsection d. of this section.
38 Monies deposited in the fund shall be appropriated annually to the
39 New Jersey Department of Agriculture to support any departmental
40 program to support the health and welfare of horses and to provide
41 therapeutic riding to individuals with special needs in the State.
42 Monies deposited in the fund shall be held in interest bearing
43 accounts in public depositories as defined pursuant to section 1 of
44 P.L.1970, c.236 (C.17:9-41), and may be invested or reinvested in
45 such securities as are approved by the State Treasurer. Interest or
46 other income earned on monies deposited in the fund, and any
47 monies which may be appropriated or otherwise become available

1 for the purposes of the fund, shall be credited to and deposited in
2 the fund for use as set forth in this section.

3 d. Prior to the deposit of the additional fees collected pursuant
4 to subsection b. of this section into the "State Animal License Plate
5 Fund," amounts thereof as are necessary shall be used to reimburse
6 the commission for all costs reasonably and actually incurred, as
7 stipulated by the chief administrator, for:

8 (1) designing, producing, issuing, renewing, and publicizing the
9 availability of the State Animal license plates; and

10 (2) any computer programming changes that may be initially
11 necessary to implement the State Animal license plate program in
12 an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

13 The chief administrator shall annually certify to the State
14 Treasurer the average cost per license plate incurred in the
15 immediately preceding year by the commission in producing,
16 issuing, renewing, and publicizing the availability of the State
17 Animal license plates. The annual certification of the average cost
18 per license plate shall be approved by the Joint Budget Oversight
19 Committee, or its successor.

20 In the event that the average cost per license plate as certified by
21 the chief administrator and approved by the Joint Budget Oversight
22 Committee, or its successor, is greater than the \$50 application fee
23 established in subsection b. of this section in two consecutive fiscal
24 years, the chief administrator may discontinue the issuance of State
25 Animal license plates.

26 e. The chief administrator shall notify eligible motorists of the
27 opportunity to obtain State Animal license plates by publicizing the
28 availability of the license plates on the website of the commission.
29 The New Jersey Department of Agriculture, and any other
30 individual or entity designated by the department, may publicize the
31 availability of the license plates in any manner the department
32 deems appropriate.

33 f. The chief administrator and the Secretary of Agriculture
34 shall develop and enter into a memorandum of agreement setting
35 forth the procedures to be followed in carrying out their respective
36 responsibilities under P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
37 Legislature as this bill).

38 g. The Secretary of Agriculture shall appoint a representative
39 who shall act as a liaison between the department and the
40 commission. The liaison shall represent the department in any and
41 all communications with the commission regarding the license
42 plates established by P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
43 Legislature as this bill).

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45 2. a. State or public funds shall not be used by the
46 commission for the initial cost of:

47 (1) designing, producing, issuing, and publicizing the
48 availability of State Animal license plates; or

1 (2) any computer programming changes which may be
2 necessary to implement the State Animal license plate program
3 established by P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
4 Legislature as this bill).

5 b. An individual or entity designated by the Secretary of
6 Agriculture shall contribute non-public monies in an amount to be
7 determined by the chief administrator, not to exceed a total of
8 \$25,000, to be used to offset the initial costs incurred by the
9 commission for designing, producing, issuing, and publicizing the
10 availability of State Animal license plates, and any computer
11 programming which may be necessary to implement the program.
12 Concerned organizations and individual donors may contribute
13 monies to the department to be used to offset the initial costs
14 incurred by the commission for the State Animal license plates
15 authorized by P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
16 Legislature as this bill). Any amount remaining after the payment
17 of the initial cost shall be deposited in the "State Animal License
18 Plate Fund" established pursuant to subsection c. of section 1 of
19 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

20 c. The commission shall not begin designing, producing,
21 issuing, or publicizing the availability of State Animal license
22 plates, or making any necessary programming changes, until the
23 following requirements have been met:

24 (1) The individual or entity designated by the Secretary of
25 Agriculture has provided the commission with the money necessary,
26 as determined by the chief administrator pursuant to subsection b.
27 of this section, to offset the initial costs incurred by the commission
28 in establishing the State Animal license plate program; and

29 (2) The liaison appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture
30 pursuant to subsection g. of section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.)
31 (pending before the Legislature as this bill) has provided the
32 commission with not less than 500 completed applications for State
33 Animal license plates. These applications shall constitute the initial
34 order for State Animal license plates and shall be accompanied by a
35 fee representing the total cost of the initial order. The fee shall be
36 determined by multiplying the number of sets of license plates
37 being ordered by the applicable initial fee for each set of license
38 plates as set forth in subsection b. of section 1 of
39 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

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41 3. This act shall take effect immediately, but shall remain
42 inoperative until the first day of the 13th month following the date
43 on which the conditions set forth in paragraphs (1) and (2) of
44 subsection c. of section 2 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before
45 the Legislature as this bill) have been satisfied. The chief
46 administrator may take such anticipatory actions in advance of that
47 date as may be necessary for the timely implementation of
48 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

1 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)
2 shall expire if the conditions set forth in paragraphs (1) and (2) of
3 subsection c. of section 2 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before
4 the Legislature as this bill) are not satisfied by the last day of the
5 12th month following enactment.

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STATEMENT

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10 This bill authorizes the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission
11 (commission) to issue special State Animal license plates. The
12 license plates are to be designed by the Chief Administrator of the
13 New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (chief administrator), in
14 consultation with the Secretary (secretary) of the New Jersey
15 Department of Agriculture (department), and feature an emblem
16 that indicates that the horse is the official State Animal of New
17 Jersey.

18 In addition to the required motor vehicle registration fees, there
19 is an application fee of \$50 and an annual renewal fee of \$10 for the
20 State Animal license plates. After deducting the costs to implement
21 the plates, the additional fees collected are to be deposited into the
22 "State Animal License Plate Fund." The proceeds of the fund are to
23 be appropriated annually to the department to support any
24 departmental program to support the health and wellbeing of horses
25 and to provide therapeutic riding to individuals with special needs
26 in the State.

27 The chief administrator is required to annually certify the
28 average cost of producing, issuing, and publicizing the availability
29 of the specialty license plates. If the average cost per plate exceeds
30 \$50 in two consecutive fiscal years, the chief administrator may
31 discontinue the State Animal license plate program. The bill also
32 requires that the secretary appoint a liaison to represent the
33 department in all communications with the commission regarding
34 the State Animal license plates.

35 The bill provides that State or other public funds may not be
36 used by the commission for the initial cost to implement the State
37 Animal license plate program. The bill requires an individual or
38 entity designated by the secretary to contribute non-public monies,
39 not to exceed \$25,000, to offset the initial costs to design, produce,
40 issue, and publicize the license plates and for any computer
41 programming necessary to implement the program. The bill
42 authorizes the department to receive funds from private sources to
43 be used to offset the initial costs.

44 The chief administrator is not required to design, produce, issue,
45 or publicize the availability of the State Animal license plates, or
46 make any necessary programming changes, until: (1) an individual
47 or entity designated by the secretary has provided the commission
48 with the money necessary to offset the initial costs incurred by the

1 commission in establishing the State Animal license plate program;
2 and (2) the secretary, or the secretary's designee, has provided the
3 commission with a minimum of 500 completed applications for the
4 State Animal license plates, upon the availability for purchase of
5 those license plates.

6 The provisions of the bill will remain inoperative until the
7 appropriate applications and fees required to offset the initial costs
8 incurred by the commission are provided by the department's
9 designee. The bill expires after 12 months if sufficient applications
10 and fees to offset the initial costs are not received.

SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2884

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 27, 2023

The Senate Transportation Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 2884.

As amended and reported, this bill authorizes the Chief Administrator (chief administrator) of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (commission) to issue special State Animal license plates. The license plates are to be designed by the chief administrator, in consultation with the Secretary (secretary) of the New Jersey Department of Agriculture (department), and feature an emblem that indicates that the horse is the official State Animal of New Jersey.

In addition to the required motor vehicle registration fees, there is an application fee of \$50 and an annual renewal fee of \$10 for the State Animal license plates. After deducting the costs to implement the plates, the additional fees collected are to be deposited into the "State Animal License Plate Fund." The proceeds of the fund are to be appropriated annually to the department to support any departmental program to support the health and wellbeing of horses and to provide equine-assisted therapeutic programs to individuals with special needs in the State.

The chief administrator is required to annually certify the average cost of producing, issuing, and publicizing the availability of the specialty license plates. If the average cost per plate exceeds \$50 in two consecutive fiscal years, the chief administrator may discontinue the State Animal license plate program. The bill also requires that the secretary appoint a liaison to represent the department in all communications with the commission regarding the State Animal license plates.

The bill provides that State or other public funds may not be used by the commission for the initial cost to implement the State Animal license plate program. The bill requires an individual or entity designated by the secretary to contribute non-public monies, not to exceed \$25,000, to offset the initial costs to design, produce, issue, and publicize the license plates and for any computer programming necessary to implement the program. The bill authorizes the department to receive funds from private sources to be used to offset the initial costs.

The commission is not required to design, produce, issue, or publicize the availability of the State Animal license plates, or make any necessary programming changes, until: (1) an individual or entity designated by the secretary has provided the commission with the money necessary to offset the initial costs incurred by the commission in establishing the State Animal license plate program; and (2) the liaison appointed by the secretary has provided the commission with a minimum of 500 completed applications for the State Animal license plates.

The provisions of the bill will remain inoperative until the appropriate applications and fees required to offset the initial costs incurred by the commission are provided to the commission. The bill expires after 12 months if sufficient applications and fees to offset the initial costs are not received.

As amended and reported by the committee, Senate Bill No. 2884 is identical to Assembly Bill No. 203, which was also amended and reported by the committee on this date.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to expand the scope of eligible programs for which the monies deposited into the "State Animal License Plate Fund" are required to be annually appropriated. Specifically, the amendments provide that, in addition to programs supporting the health and welfare of horse, these monies would be appropriated to provide any equine-assisted therapeutic programs to individuals with special needs in the State. As introduced, only therapeutic riding programs would have been eligible for funding under the bill.

Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

01/16/2024

TRENTON – Today, Governor Murphy signed the following bills into law:

SCS for S-281/ACS for A-3791 (Greenstein, Turner/Sumter, Reynolds-Jackson) – w/STATEMENT - Concerns automatic fire sprinkler systems within newly constructed townhouses
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S-539wGR/A-2140 (Ruiz, Pou/Reynolds-Jackson, Wimberly, Mosquera) - Permits online purchase of eligible foods using WIC funds and use of WIC funds for grocery delivery ch

S-659/A-2014 (Oroho, Greenstein/Conaway, Wirths, Umba) - "Manufacturing in Higher Education Act"; requires various State entities to promote manufacturing career pathways students and provides assistance to manufacturing industry

S-1110/A-3936 (Polistina, Singleton/Guardian, Swift, McClellan) - Authorizes CRDA to finance transportation projects between Atlantic City Airport and Atlantic City Tourism Dis

S-1662/A-3526 (Ruiz, Codey/Lampitt, Benson, Sauickie) - Requires NJ Youth Suicide Prevention Advisory Council to prepare report regarding suicide prevention instruction in pu schools

S-1680wGR/A-2257 (Pou, Ruiz/Murphy, Quijano, Wimberly) - Designates each community college in State as provider of allowable services under SNAP employment and training program

S-2076/ACS for A-3319 (Zwicker, Greenstein/McKnight, Lampitt) - Establishes "Twelfth Grade Postsecondary Transition Year Pilot Program" in Department of Education

S-2535wGR/A-4048 (Polistina, Pou/Benson, McKnight, Reynolds-Jackson, Carter) - Requires health benefits coverage of hearing aids and cochlear implants

S-2841/A-4292 (Scutari, Bramnick/Carter) - Raises minimum amount of liability coverage for commercial motor vehicles and autocabs

SCS for S-3080/ACS for-398 (Ruiz, Burgess/Caputo, Giblin, Tucker) - Establishes position of Youth Disconnection Prevention and Recovery Ombudsperson; establishes "School Disconnection Prevention Task Force"; appropriates \$200,000

S-3102/A-4715 (Smith, Singleton/Stanley, Benson) - Establishes uptime requirement for electric vehicle charging station incentive programs

S-3176/A-4760 (Greenstein, Smith/Swain, Haider, Tully) - Requires DEP and Drinking Water Quality Institute to perform study concerning regulation and treatment of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances

SCS for S-3632 and 3649w/GR/ACS for A-1948 (Johnson, Cryan/Haider, Conaway, Quijano) - Requires labeling of non-flushable disposable wipes

S-3758/A-5343 (Cryan/Karabinchak) - Changes deadline for unaffiliated mail-in voters to declare their political party before primary election

S-3837/A-5438 (Pou, Cruz-Perez/Pintor Marin, Wimberly) - Clarifies process for administrative appropriations to UEZs

S-3897/A-5578 (Ruiz, Sarlo/Jasey, Carter, Reynolds-Jackson) - Authorizes Higher Education Student Assistance Authority to award annual summer tuition aid grants

S-4040/A-5881 (Polistina, Lagana/Tully, Guardian, Swift) - Concerns jurisdiction and operations of regional municipal courts

S-4084/A-5851 (Ruiz, Cruz-Perez/Moriarty, Calabrese, Moen) - Concerns temporary registration certificates and license plates

S-4130/A-5849 (Codey/Jasey, Tucker) - Special legislation to change name of "Township of South Orange Village" to "South Orange Village"; changes titles of certain municipal officials; permits nonpartisan municipal elections to be moved to November; permits stipend for governing body members

S-4206/A-5856 (Sarlo/Calabrese) - Changes number of signatures required on primary election petition to nominate certain municipal candidates in certain municipalities

S-4209/A-5879 (Sarlo/Pintor Marin) - Eliminates vote on school budgets for Type II school districts in April elections, except for separate proposals to spend above cap

S-4268/A-5911 (Scutari/Danielsen) - Permits certain special State officers to represent cannabis businesses

A-203/S-2884 (Rooney, Benson, Caputo/A.M. Bucco) - Authorizes creation of special license plates commemorating horse as State animal

A-1100/S-995 (Calabrese, Mukherji, McKnight/Ruiz, Stack) - Requires entities to remove abandoned lines and mark information on certain lines

A-1107/S-770 (Chaparro, Murphy, Mukherji/Pou, Beach) - Directs Chief Technology Officer to conduct study on impacts of redacting handwritten signatures published on State websites; allows for protocols for such redactions to be established by rules and regulations

ACS for A-1255/SS for S-1794 (Stanley, Conaway, Benson/Gopal, Singer) - Updates requirements and standards for authorization and prior authorization of health care services

A-1727/S-3300 (Speight, Reynolds-Jackson, Verrelli/Stanfield, Ruiz) - Requires Attorney General to perform outreach and provide services to victims of human trafficking under certain circumstances

A-1729/S-3550 (Speight, Reynolds-Jackson, McKnight/Greenstein, Ruiz) - Requires AG to address human trafficking in underserved communities

A-1755/S-2505 (McKeon, Calabrese, Conaway/Smith, Greenstein) - Requires installation of operational automatic rain sensor or smart sprinkler as condition of sale of certain re properties, and on certain commercial, retail, and industrial properties and common interest communities within specified timeframes

A-2146wGR/S-855 (Reynolds-Jackson, Wimberly, Sumter/Singleton, Beach) - Creates State business assistance program to establish contracting agency procurement goals for socially and economically disadvantaged business enterprises

A-2581/S-2503 (Lampitt, Park/Beach) - Provides that certain cosmetology and hairstyling courses may be taught using distance learning technology

A-3142/S-1564 (Moen, Moriarty, Benson/Singleton, Corrado) - Authorizes grants to purchase and rehabilitate abandoned homes for homeless veterans

A-3211/S-2302 (Speight, Haider, Swain/Gopal, Ruiz) - Establishes "New Jersey Feminine Hygiene Products for the Homeless Act"

A-3980/S-2706 (Speight, McKnight, Atkins/Zwicker, Turner) - Grants child placed in resource family care and resource family parents the right to be notified when case manager

supervisor is assigned to child; grants child in resource family care right to be notified of certain property and benefits

A-4033wGR/S-2657 (Coughlin, Wimberly/Sarlo, Ruiz) - Extends deadline for completion of school district's annual audit

A-4049/S-3495 (McKnight, Reynolds-Jackson, Benson/Vitale, Johnson) - Provides for presumptive eligibility for home and community-based services and services provided thru program of all-inclusive care for the elderly under Medicaid

A-4105/S-4202 (Lopez, Jimenez, Quijano/Vitale, Turner) - Establishes Interagency Council on Homelessness

A-4183/S-4264 (Haider/Singleton) - Concerns local unit filing requirement for certain shared services agreements

A-4212/S-2762 (Pintor Marin, Reynolds-Jackson, Verrelli/Ruiz, Cunningham) - Establishes Center for Career Relevant Education and Talent Evaluation of New Jersey at Thomas Edison State University

A-4337/S-4156 (Conaway, Atkins, Rooney/Singleton, Pou) - Requires Department of Health to provide information to Statewide 2-1-1 telephone system regarding the location of disposal sites for hypodermic syringes and needles and prescription drugs

ACS for A-4496/SCS for S-3247 (Coughlin, Lampitt, Karabinchak, Wimberly/Zwicker, Greenstein) - Revises various provisions of law governing construction of school facilities projects and operations of New Jersey Schools Development Authority; establishes "Charter School and Renaissance School Project Facilities Loan Program" in EDA

A-4522/S-3234 (Moen, McKnight, Quijano/Singer, Singleton) - Requires certain disclosures by sellers of single-family homes with solar panels installed

A-4691/S-1530 (Swain, DeAngelo, Speight/Greenstein, Zwicker) - Requires hazard mitigation plans to include climate change-related threat assessments and hazard prevention mitigation strategies

A-4723/S-2740 (McKeon, Moriarty, Rooney/Codey, Scutari) - Requires motor vehicle dealer to offer to delete personal information in motor vehicles in certain situations

A-4791/S-3184 (Kennedy, Haider, McKeon/Diegnan, Sarlo) - Establishes "Resiliency and Environmental System Investment Charge Program"

ACS for A-4794/S-3224 (Benson, Mukherji/Singleton, Turner) - Requires request for proposal to establish demonstration projects to develop electric vehicle charging depots served by distributed energy resource charging centers for certain electric vehicle use

A-4814/S-1023 (Moen, Wimberly/Singleton, Gopal) - Removes expected family contribution from calculation of financial need under circumstances in which public institutions or higher education may reduce student's institutional financial aid

ACS for A-4821 and 4823wGR/S-3283 (Karabinchak, Conaway, Schaer/Greenstein, Zwicker) - Directs DEP to take certain actions concerning identification and testing of microplastics in drinking water, and requires DEP and BPU to study and promote use of microplastics removal technologies

A-4955/S-3531 (S. Kean, Thomson/Singer, Gopal) - Designates portion of State Highway Route 71 as "John Tarantino Highway"

A-5094/S-3476 (Spearman/Beach, Greenstein) - Concerns licensing of security officer companies

A-5227/S-3662 (Danielsen, Space/Smith, Oroho) - Expands eligibility for "fishing buddy license" fee

A-5285/SCS for S-3708 (Greenwald, Haider, Lopez/Greenstein, A.M. Bucco) - Requires copies of certain law enforcement records to be provided to victims of domestic violence upon request

A-5293/S-3746 (Greenwald, McKnight, Rooney/Gopal, Ruiz) - Concerns New Jersey Civic Information Consortium

A-5311/S-3061 (Verrelli, McKnight, Matsikoudis/Stanfield, Turner) - Enters New Jersey into Counseling Compact

A-5391/S-3765 (DeAngelo/Diegnan, Corrado) - Imposes conditions on drivers approaching disabled vehicles

A-5412/S-3850 (Greenwald, Swain, Jasey/Gopal, Singer) - Establishes nonpublic school transportation program to provide funding to consortiums of nonpublic schools that will assume responsibility for mandated nonpublic school busing

A-5416wGR/S-3883 (Wimberly, Giblin, Haider/Greenstein, Turner) - Requires State Board of Education to authorize alternate route to expedite teacher certification of persons employed as paraprofessionals in school districts

A-5442/S-3793 (Karabinchak, Conaway, McKeon/Smith, Greenstein) - Directs BPU to conduct study to determine feasibility, marketability, and costs of implementing large-scale geothermal heat pump systems in State

A-5462/S-3867 (Coughlin, McKnight, Speight/Vitale, Turner) - Revises law establishing Office of Food Security Advocate, and establishes certain conditions for use of monies appropriated to emergency food organizations

ACS for A-5495/SCS for S-3846 (Danielsen/Scutari, A.M. Bucco) - Clarifies types of firearms allowed to be carried or transported while hunting

A-5516/S-4047 (Reynolds-Jackson, Verrelli, Conaway/Burgess, Turner) - Requires certain health care professionals to undergo bias training

A-5565/S-3971 (S. Kean, Thomson/Gopal) - Provides that 10-year term does not apply to lease of certain municipal properties unless they are waterfront properties or related to waterfront concessions

A-5567/S-3807 (Torrissi, Calabrese/A.M. Bucco, Sarlo) - Extends period of usefulness of fire engines for bonding purposes from 10 to 20 years; eliminates exclusion of passenger cars and station wagons

A-5582/S-3781 (Swain, Simonsen/Lagana, Cryan) - Establishes grant program for NJ YouthBuild programs through DOLWD; makes appropriation

A-5610wGR/S-3954 (Greenwald, Spearman, Chaparro/Beach, A.M. Bucco) - Revises penalties for possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages by underage persons

A-5748/S-4166 (Spearman, Moen, Moriarty/Cruz-Perez, Madden) - Amends definition of "participating county" under County Option Hospital Fee Program

A-5755/S-4183 (Carter, Sumter, Wimberly, Quijano/Scutari, Singleton) - Enhances notice requirements and occupancy restrictions for hotels and multiple dwellings following determination of potentially hazardous condition

A-5799/S-1472 (Moen, Moriarty/Beach, Stack) - Authorizes DOT to establish and administer toll collection and enforcement system on behalf of NJ toll authorities and to enter into reciprocal agreements for enforcement of toll violations with toll authorities from other states

A-5806/S-4165 (Moriarty, Sauickie/Greenstein, Oroho) - Appropriates \$48 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to DEP for State acquisition of lands for recreational and conservation purposes, including Blue Acres projects, and Green Acres Program administrative costs

A-5807/S-4138 (Freiman/Johnson, Schepisi) - Appropriates \$58 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues for recreation and conservation purposes to DEP for State capital and park development projects

A-5808/S-4135 (Park, Freiman, Lopez/Beach, Turner) - Appropriates \$15,564,293 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to NJ Historic Trust for grants for certain historic preservation projects and associated administrative expenses

A-5809/S-4097 (Swain, Lopez, Sauickie/Zwicker, Gopal) - Amends lists of projects eligible to receive loans for environmental infrastructure projects from NJ Infrastructure Bank FY 2024

A-5810/S-4098 (Sampson, Sauickie, Lopez/Greenstein, Stanfield) - Amends lists of environmental infrastructure projects approved for long-term funding by DEP under FY 2024 environmental infrastructure funding program

A-5828/S-4201 (Lopez/Vitale) - Authorizes State Treasurer to sell as surplus certain real property and improvements in Township of Woodbridge in Middlesex County

A-5835/S-4134 (Greenwald, Lampitt/Beach, Turner) - Authorizes regional authority to develop and operate regional rehabilitation and reentry center

A-5836/S-4212 (DeAngelo, Sumter, Wimberly/Gopal, Greenstein) - Makes supplemental appropriation of \$650,000 to New Jersey Division of State Police for trooper recruitment retention

A-5910/S-4266 (Egan/Codey) - Increases annual salary of certain public employees and officers

AJR-200/SJR-138 (Park, Freiman, Calabrese/Lagana) - Designates November 22 of each year as Kimchi Day

Governor Murphy pocket vetoed the following bills:

S-2989/A-1739 (Pou, Singer/McKeon, Quijano, Flynn) - Makes certain for-profit debt adjusters eligible for licensing to conduct business in State

S-3172/A-4689 (Gopal, Turner/Lampitt, Matsikoudis, McKnight) - Establishes teacher certification route for candidates with Montessori teaching credentials

S-3287/ACS for A-4852 and 1170 (Turner/Reynolds-Jackson, Jasey, Dunn, Wimberly, Calabrese, Spearman, Verrilli) - Requires institutions of higher education to maintain support policy governing use of naloxone hydrochloride nasal spray for opioid overdose emergencies

A-1476/S-930 (Benson, Dancer/Holzapfel, Diegnan) - Exempts certain motor vehicles that are owned by certain nutrition programs and certain nonprofit organizations that offer social services from motor vehicle registration fees

A-3642/S-665 (Wirhiths, Murphy, Benson, Oroho/Greenstein) - Requires MVC to place designation on motor vehicle's registration information indicating registrant is deaf

A-3945/S-1660 (Quijano, Reynolds-Jackson, Carter/Ruiz, Singleton) - Establishes "Male Teachers of Color Mentorship Pilot Program"; appropriates \$95,000

A-4177/S-2478 (Mosquera, Swain, McKnight, Tucker, Dunn/Ruiz, Vitale) - Extends duration of law requiring certain provider subsidy payments for child care services be based on enrollment

A-4396/S-2927 (Lampitt, Jasey, Caputo/Codey) - Establishes timelines for review and approval by Commissioner of Education of annual certified audits submitted by approved private schools for students with disabilities

A-4621/S-3156 (Mosquera, Greenwald, Swain/Madden) - Requires issuance of report on certain information and data on processing of applications for professional and occupational licenses and mandates review of training and call intake in Division of Consumer Affairs.

A-4740/S-2970 (Mukherji, DeAngelo, McKnight/Cruz-Perez, Turner) - Provides employee access to employee's employment records on file with DOLWD

A-5294/S-1825 (Greenwald, Swain, Rooney/Steinhardt, Sarlo, Doherty) - Exempts sales of investment metal bullion and investment coins from sales and use tax

A-5893/S-4228 (Karabinchak, Calabrese, Sauickie/Gopal, Sarlo) - Extends annual horse racing purse subsidies through State fiscal year 2029