

39:3-27.35 to 27.40

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA: 39:3-27.35 to 39:3-27.40 (Non-profit association members-- authorize special license plates)

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Maryland (Transportation) Code, Ann. § 13-619 (1985)
67 Pennsylvania Code § 49.4 (1985)

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ASSEMBLY, No. 2843

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JUNE 16, 1986

By Assemblymen GENOVA, DiGAETANO, Assemblywoman
Donovan and Assemblyman Rooney

AN ACT concerning ***[the]*** motor ***[vehicles of members of]***
vehicle registration plates for certain ***[veterans service]***
nonprofit organizations and supplementing chapter 3 of Title
39 of the Revised Statutes.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 ***[1. a. A person who is listed pursuant to subsection b. of this**
2 section as an active member of any veterans service organization
3 chartered by the United States Congress may be issued special
4 license plates to be displayed on his motor vehicle in place of stan-
5 dard license plates, upon application to the Director of the Division
6 of Motor Vehicles. These plates may bear the logotype of the
7 organization, in addition to other markings or identification other-
8 wise prescribed by law.

9 b. The State commanders of each qualifying veterans service
10 organization shall maintain a current list of those active members
11 and officers residing in this State who are eligible for the special
12 plates. This list shall be made available to the division upon enact-
13 ment, and updated as necessary.]*

1 **1. A person who is a member in good standing of a nonprofit*
2 *community, alumni or service organization in the State approved*
3 *by the director pursuant to the provisions of this act may be issued*

**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 printed in italics thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in asterisks or stars has been adopted as follows:

***—Assembly committee amendments adopted June 29, 1987.**

4 a set of special organization vehicle registration plates to be dis-
5 played on his motor vehicle in place of standard registration
6 plates.

1 2. Special organization vehicle registration plates shall be issued
2 subject to the following conditions:

3 a. Each organization shall appoint an organization representative
4 who will act as a liaison between the organization and the division.

5 b. The representative shall, upon application on behalf of any
6 member, provide a copy of the charter of the organization to the
7 division which shall indicate the organization's lawful purpose and
8 shall also provide proof of its nonprofit status.

9 c. The representative shall submit an organization Certification
10 of Membership when requested by the division and, once the orga-
11 nization and a registration plate arrangement under subsection d.
12 are approved, forward a fee of no more than \$75.00 as determined
13 by the director for each set of special organization vehicle regis-
14 tration plates, in addition to fees otherwise prescribed by law, for
15 these plates. The Certification of Membership shall be printed at
16 the organization's expense and contain the organization's official
17 letterhead, the signature of the organization's representative, the
18 names and addresses of organization members requesting special
19 organization vehicle registration plates, and the present registra-
20 tion plate numbers of the vehicles of the members.

21 d. The representative also shall submit to the division the name
22 or initials the organization wishes to be placed at the bottom of the
23 plate and a logotype. The use and arrangement of the name,
24 initials, or logotype of the organization on the registration plates
25 shall be in the sole discretion of the director.

26 e. Special organization vehicle registration plates shall not be
27 provided to any commercially registered vehicle or any motorcycle.

28 f. The initial order for plates shall be for no less than 500 mem-
29 bers of the organization in good standing and shall be accompanied
30 by the fees prescribed by the director.

1 3. The director shall have the authority to make the final deci-
2 sion as to whether or not an organization is approved for the
3 issuance of special organization vehicle registration plates to its
4 members notwithstanding the organization's compliance with sec-
5 tion 2 of P. L., c. . . . (C.) (now pending before
6 the Legislature as this bill).

1 4. The director shall have the right to suspend approval of any
2 organization granted permission to obtain special organization

3 *vehicle registration plates on behalf of its members if the orga-*
4 *nization:*

5 *a. No longer qualifies according to the provisions of this act; or*

6 *b. Has perpetrated a fraud against the Division of Motor Vehi-*
7 *cles in obtaining special plates for its members.**

1 **[2.]* *5.* Pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act,"*
2 *P. L. 1968, c. 410 (C. 52:14B-1 et seq.), the director *[shall]**
3 **may* adopt rules and regulations governing the design*
4 **[and]* *,* issuance and use of these *[license]* *vehicle regis-*
5 *tration* plates*. The director may impose a fee, in addition to*
6 *fees otherwise prescribed by law, sufficient to defray the additional*
7 *costs incurred in making these plates available]* *including the*
8 *nature of the documentation to be used as proof of nonprofit*
9 *status, definitions of community, alumni, and service organizations,*
10 *and procedures for the return of special organization vehicle regis-*
11 *tration plates from persons who are no longer members in the*
12 *approved organization or who have been convicted of any violation*
13 *pursuant to P. L. 1959, c. 56 (C. 39:3-33.5)*.*

1 **[3. A person who displays a special license plate pursuant to*
2 *section 1 of this act and who does not qualify to do so shall be*
3 *fined \$50.00, plus court costs.]***

1 **6. Notwithstanding the provisions of this act, laws and regula-*
2 *tions which are in existence as of the effective date of this act and*
3 *which provide for the issuance of specific types of special regis-*
4 *tration plates shall remain operative.**

1 **[4.]* *7.* This act shall take effect on the first day of the sixth*
2 *month after enactment*, except that section 5 shall take effect*
3 *immediately*.*

MOTOR VEHICLE—LICENSE AND REGISTRATION

Authorizes issuance of special license plates to members of certain
nonprofit organizations.

1 3. A person who displays a special license plate pursuant to sec-
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STATEMENT

This bill establishes procedures which would enable active resi-
dent members of any veterans service organization chartered by
Congress to obtain special license plates bearing emblems of those
organizations.

A fee would be imposed by the director to cover the cost of the
plates in addition to any other required fees.

MOTOR VEHICLES—LICENSE AND REGISTRATION

Authorizes special license plates for members of nationally char-
tered veterans associations.

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ASSEMBLY LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY, DEFENSE AND
CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2843

with Assembly committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 26, 1987

The Assembly Law, Public Safety, Defense and Corrections Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2843 with amendments.

As amended, Assembly Bill No. 2843 establishes procedures to enable a nonprofit, alumni, or service organization to order on behalf of its members from the Division of Motor Vehicles special registration plates bearing the emblem and name of the organization. Under the bill, the appointed representative of the organization would have to verify to the division that a member is a member in good standing and that the organization is a legally chartered nonprofit organization. An initial order for special plates from an organization is to be for no less than 500 members.

The Division of Motor Vehicles may charge a fee of up to \$75.00 for these plates in addition to any other registration fees required by law. This legislation is patterned after the laws and regulations of Pennsylvania and Maryland.

The committee amended the bill to change all references to "license plates" in the bill to "registration plates"; to require prepayment of an initial order for such plates; and to clarify that a person may continue to apply for special registration plates pursuant to any law or regulation which currently exists.

Although the Division of Motor Vehicles is authorized to impose a fee of up to \$75.00 for the motor vehicle registration plates issued under the provisions of this bill, it is the committee's understanding that, in the case of those veterans organizations which first become eligible for special plates through the enactment of this bill, the division intends to impose a fee which is less than that amount. The committee further understands that the fee for these newly eligible veterans organizations will be consistent with the fees now being imposed on those veteran groups which are currently eligible for special registration plates. Under current law, the maximum fee imposed for special plates issued to a veterans group is \$15.00.

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SENATE LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY AND DEFENSE
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 2843

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 9, 1987

The Senate Law, Public Safety and Defense Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2843 OCR.

Assembly Bill No. 2843 establishes procedures to enable a nonprofit, alumni, or service organization to order on behalf of its members from the Division of Motor Vehicles special registration plates bearing the emblem and name of the organization. Under the bill, the appointed representative of the organization would have to verify to the division that a member is a member in good standing and that the organization is a legally chartered nonprofit organization. An initial order for special plates from an organization is to be for no less than 500 members.

The Division of Motor Vehicles may charge a fee of up to \$75.00 for these plates in addition to any other registration fees required by law. This legislation is patterned after the laws and regulations of Pennsylvania and Maryland.

Section 6 clarifies that a person will continue to be able to apply for special registration plates under any other law or regulation which currently exists.

As released from the committee, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 3306 OCR.