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Senate, No. 2192 (*First Reprint*)
(CORRECTED COPY)

1 AN ACT concerning motor vehicle license plates and supplementing
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:

6
7 1. a. Upon proper application, the Chief Administrator of the
8 New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall issue Gold Star
9 ¹**[Parent] Family**¹ license plates for any motor vehicle owned or
10 leased by ¹**[either of the parents]** a family member¹ of a member of
11 the armed services who lost his life while on active duty for the
12 United States, and registered in the State. In addition to the
13 registration number and other markings or identification otherwise
14 prescribed by law, the Gold Star ¹**[Parent] Family**¹ license plate
15 shall display a gold star and the words “Gold Star ¹**[Parent]**
16 **Family**¹.” ¹The license plates shall be designed by the Department
17 of New Jersey of American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., and approved
18 by the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle
19 Commission.¹

20 b. As used in this section, “¹**[parent] family member**¹” means a
21 ¹**[biological parent, stepparent, adoptive parent,]** spouse, parent,
22 brother, sister, child,¹ legal guardian or other legal custodian¹,
23 whether of the whole or half blood or by adoption¹.

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25 2. a. Application for issuance of a Gold Star ¹**[Parent] Family**¹
26 license plate shall be made to the chief administrator on forms and
27 in a manner prescribed by the chief administrator. In order to be
28 deemed complete, an application shall be accompanied by proof
29 satisfactory to the Chief Administrator that the applicant is a
30 ¹**[parent] family member**¹ of a member of the armed services who
31 died while on active duty for the United States. ¹**[The chief**
32 **administrator shall collect an initial \$25 fee to help defray the cost**
33 **of this license plate, in addition to any other fee otherwise**
34 **prescribed by law for the registration of a motor vehicle.]** Proof
35 satisfactory may include any or all of the following:

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 SMV committee amendments adopted November 22, 2010.

1 (1) a certification from the Department of New Jersey of
2 American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., or any other organization formed
3 for the support of parents of members of the armed services who
4 lost their lives while on active duty for the United States, that the
5 applicant is either the spouse, parent, brother, sister, child, legal
6 guardian or other legal custodian, whether of the whole or half
7 blood or by adoption, of a member of the armed services who died
8 while on active duty for the United States;

9 (2) documentation deemed acceptable by the Chief
10 Administrator, including but not limited to a federal DD Form
11 1300, Report of Casualty, which identifies the member of the armed
12 services who died while on active duty for the United States; or

13 (3) documentation indicating the applicant's relationship to the
14 service member.

15 The chief administrator may consult with the Adjutant General
16 of the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs when
17 establishing the documentation that may constitute satisfactory
18 proof of an applicant's relationship to a deceased service member.
19 In instances where an applicant is unable to produce documentation
20 deemed acceptable to the Chief Administrator, the Adjutant General
21 shall assist the chief administrator in making a determination of the
22 applicant's eligibility for a Gold Star Family license plate.

23 b. The chief administrator may designate a representative of
24 the Department of New Jersey of American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.,
25 or any other organization formed for the support of parents of
26 members of the armed services who lost their lives while on active
27 duty for the United States, who shall serve as a liaison between
28 such organization and the commission. The chief administrator
29 may require an applicant for a Gold Star Family license plate to
30 submit the application to the representative for approval. Upon
31 approval, the representative shall certify on the application that the
32 applicant is either the spouse, parent, brother, sister, child, legal
33 guardian or other legal custodian, whether of the whole or half
34 blood or by adoption, of a member of the armed services who died
35 while on active duty for the United States and thereby eligible for
36 receipt of the Gold Star Family license plate. The application shall
37 then be forwarded to the chief administrator for final approval.¹

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39 ¹[3. a. The chief administrator annually shall certify to the
40 State Treasurer the average cost per license plate incurred in the
41 immediately preceding year by the New Jersey Motor Vehicle
42 Commission in producing, issuing, and renewing the Gold Star
43 Parent license plates. The annual certification of the average cost
44 per license plate shall be approved by the Joint Budget Oversight
45 Committee, or its successor.

46 b. In the event that the average cost per license plate as
47 certified by the chief administrator and approved by the Joint
48 Budget Oversight Committee, or its successor, is greater than the

1 \$25 application fee established in section 2 of this act in two
2 consecutive fiscal years, the chief administrator may discontinue
3 the issuance of the Gold Star Parent license plates.】¹

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5 3. The Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle
6 Commission may promulgate rules and regulations, pursuant to the
7 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
8 seq.), governing the issuance and use of Gold Star Family license
9 plates. In promulgating such rules and regulations, the chief
10 administrator may consult with the Adjutant General of the
11 Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs, the Department of
12 New Jersey of American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., or any other
13 organization formed for the support of parents of members of the
14 armed services who lost their lives while on active duty for the
15 United States.¹

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17 4. This act shall take effect 【on】 immediately, but shall
18 remain inoperative until the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey
19 Motor Vehicle Commission certifies that the commission is able to
20 issue the Gold Star Family license plate as a flat, digital license
21 plate, but not later than¹ the first day of the sixth month after
22 enactment.

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28 Authorizes special Gold Star Family motor vehicle license plates
29 for certain family members of military personnel who died while on
active duty.

SENATE, No. 2192

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 214th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JULY 19, 2010

Sponsored by:

Senator JAMES BEACH

District 6 (Camden)

Senator SEAN T. KEAN

District 11 (Monmouth)

Co-Sponsored by:

**Senators Bateman, Norcross, Oroho, Pennacchio, Doherty, Van Drew,
Allen and Connors**

SYNOPSIS

Authorizes special Gold Star Parent motor vehicle plates for parents of military personnel who died while on active duty.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 11/23/2010)

1 AN ACT concerning motor vehicle license plates and supplementing
2 Title 39 of the Revised Statutes.

3

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5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. a. Upon proper application, the Chief Administrator of the
8 New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall issue Gold Star Parent
9 license plates for any motor vehicle owned or leased by either of the
10 parents of a member of the armed services who lost his life while on
11 active duty for the United States, and registered in the State. In
12 addition to the registration number and other markings or
13 identification otherwise prescribed by law, the Gold Star Parent
14 license plate shall display a gold star and the words "Gold Star
15 Parent."

16 b. As used in this section, "parent" means a biological parent,
17 stepparent, adoptive parent, legal guardian or other legal custodian.

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19 2. Application for issuance of a Gold Star Parent license plate
20 shall be made to the chief administrator on forms and in a manner
21 prescribed by the chief administrator. In order to be deemed
22 complete, an application shall be accompanied by proof satisfactory
23 to the chief administrator that the applicant is a parent of a member
24 of the armed services who died while on active duty for the United
25 States. The chief administrator shall collect an initial \$25 fee to
26 help defray the cost of this license plate, in addition to any other fee
27 otherwise prescribed by law for the registration of a motor vehicle.

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29 3. a. The chief administrator annually shall certify to the State
30 Treasurer the average cost per license plate incurred in the
31 immediately preceding year by the New Jersey Motor Vehicle
32 Commission in producing, issuing, and renewing the Gold Star
33 Parent license plates. The annual certification of the average cost
34 per license plate shall be approved by the Joint Budget Oversight
35 Committee, or its successor.

36 b. In the event that the average cost per license plate as
37 certified by the chief administrator and approved by the Joint
38 Budget Oversight Committee, or its successor, is greater than the
39 \$25 application fee established in section 2 of this act in two
40 consecutive fiscal years, the chief administrator may discontinue
41 the issuance of the Gold Star Parent license plates.

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

SENATE MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2192

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 22, 2010

The Senate Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate, No. 2192.

As amended, this bill authorizes special Gold Star Family license plates for the family members of servicemen and servicewomen who lost their lives while on active duty for the United States. The design would include a gold star and the words "Gold Star Family." Family is defined to mean spouse, parent, brother, sister, child, legal guardian or other legal custodian, whether of the whole or half blood or by adoption. The types of proof needed to show familial relationship includes certification from the New Jersey section of the American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., or a federal DD Form 1300 (Report of Casualty). The New Jersey section of the American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., will design the license plates, to be approved by the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission. The amendments removed the fees charged for the plates.

Senate Bill No. 2192 (1R) is identical to Assembly Bill No. 1958 (1R) of 2010.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amended the bill to change the name of the license plates from Gold Star Parent to Gold Star Family. The amendment also defined family as well as clarified the types of proof needed to show familial relationship, authorized the New Jersey section of the American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., to design the license plates, to be approved by the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission, and removed the fees charged for the plates.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 2192

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 6, 2010

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2192 (1R).

This bill authorizes special Gold Star Family motor vehicle license plates for any motor vehicle owned or leased by a family member of a member of the armed services who lost his or her life while on active duty for the United States. The license plate design will display a gold star and the words "Gold Star Family." Eligible family members include the following relations of a deceased service member: spouse, parent, brother, sister, child, legal guardian or other legal custodian, whether of the whole or half blood or by adoption. The types of proof needed to show familial relationship includes certification from the New Jersey section of the American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., or a federal DD Form 1300 (Report of Casualty). The New Jersey section of the American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., will design the license plates, to be approved by the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission.

The chief administrator may designate a representative of the New Jersey section of the American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., or any other organization formed for the support of parents of members of the armed services who lost their lives while on active duty for the United States, to shall serve as a liaison between such organization and the commission. The chief administrator may require an applicant for a Gold Star Family license plate to submit the application to the representative for approval, which application shall then be forwarded to the chief administrator for final approval.

Senate Bill No. 2192 (1R) does not contain a previous provision of the bill as introduced that authorized a fee to be collected for the cost of the plates. The bill will remain inoperative until the chief administrator certifies that the commission is able to issue the Gold Star Family license plate as a flat, digital license plate, but the bill will not remain inoperative later than the first day of the sixth month after enactment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The MVC has not provided fiscal information on this bill and the Office of Legislature Services cannot estimate the cost that the Commission might bear.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 2192 STATE OF NEW JERSEY 214th LEGISLATURE

DATED: JANUARY 5, 2011

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Authorizes special Gold Star Family motor vehicle license plates for certain family members of military personnel who died while on active duty.
- Type of Impact:** Increased State cost with no revenue offset.
- Agencies Affected:** Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC)
Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
State Cost	Indeterminate – See comments below		
State Revenue	None – See comments below		

- The Office of Legislative Services is unable to quantify the increased cost that will be incurred by the State.
- The State will not receive any revenue from the issuance of these license plates to cover the cost of the plates.

BILL DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill No. 2192 (1R) of 2010 authorizes special Gold Star Family license plates for the family members of servicemen and servicewoman who lost their lives while on active duty for the United States. The Department of New Jersey of American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. will design the license plates, to be approved by the Chief Administrator of the MVC. No fees will be charged for the plates.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

Individuals qualifying to receive the plates will not be charged, as the State will absorb the full cost of the plates. The Office of Legislative Services is unable to quantify this cost. According to information informally provided by the Executive, the Gold Star Family license plate will be produced under the MVC's pilot program utilizing the new flat plate technology. The MVC estimates that the initial start-up cost for the plate will be about \$22,000 and the unit cost of providing each new set of plates is \$23.25 (manufacturing - \$10.50, shipping - \$2.75, administrative/overhead - \$10.00). As the demand for this new plate is not known, the total cost incurred by the State is not known.

Section: Authorities, Utilities, Transportation and Communications

*Analyst: Joseph A. Hroncich
Associate Fiscal Analyst*

*Approved: David J. Rosen
Legislative Budget and Finance Officer*

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.).

ASSEMBLY, No. 1958

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

214th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 8, 2010

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Co-Sponsored by:

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SYNOPSIS

Authorizes special Gold Star Parent motor vehicle plates for parents of military personnel who died while on active duty.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 11/16/2010)

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11 active duty for the United States, and registered in the State. In
12 addition to the registration number and other markings or
13 identification otherwise prescribed by law, the Gold Star Parent
14 license plate shall display a gold star and the words "Gold Star
15 Parent."

16 b. As used in this section, "parent" means a biological parent,
17 stepparent, adoptive parent, legal guardian or other legal custodian.

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19 2. Application for issuance of a Gold Star Parent license plate
20 shall be made to the chief administrator on forms and in a manner
21 prescribed by the chief administrator. In order to be deemed
22 complete, an application shall be accompanied by proof satisfactory
23 to the chief administrator that the applicant is a parent of a member
24 of the armed services who died while on active duty for the United
25 States. The chief administrator shall collect an initial \$25 fee to
26 help defray the cost of this license plate, in addition to any other fee
27 otherwise prescribed by law for the registration of a motor vehicle.

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29 3. a. The chief administrator annually shall certify to the State
30 Treasurer the average cost per license plate incurred in the
31 immediately preceding year by the New Jersey Motor Vehicle
32 Commission in producing, issuing, and renewing the Gold Star
33 Parent license plates. The annual certification of the average cost
34 per license plate shall be approved by the Joint Budget Oversight
35 Committee, or its successor.

36 b. In the event that the average cost per license plate as certified
37 by the chief administrator and approved by the Joint Budget
38 Oversight Committee, or its successor, is greater than the \$25
39 application fee established in section 2 of this act in two
40 consecutive fiscal years, the chief administrator may discontinue
41 the issuance of the Gold Star Parent license plates.

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

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ASSEMBLY MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 1958

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 15, 2010

The Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly, No. 1958.

As amended, this bill authorizes special Gold Star Family license plates for the family members of servicemen and servicewomen who lost their lives while on active duty for the United States. Family is defined to mean spouse, parent, brother, sister, child, legal guardian or other legal custodian, whether of the whole or half blood or by adoption. The design would include a gold star and the words "Gold Star Family."

The types of proof that will be needed to show familial relationship includes certification from the New Jersey section of the American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., or a federal DD Form 1300 (Report of Casualty). The New Jersey section of the American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., will design the license plates, to be approved by the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amended the bill to change the name of the license plates from Gold Star Parents to Gold Star Family. Family was defined to mean spouse, parent, brother, sister, child, legal guardian or other legal custodian, whether of the whole or half blood or by adoption. The types of proof needed to show familial relationship was added and included certification from the New Jersey section of the American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., or a federal DD Form 1300 (Report of Casualty). The New Jersey section of the American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., will design the license plates, to be approved by the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission. The bill was also amended to remove the fees charged for the plates.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 1958

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 214th LEGISLATURE

DATED: JANUARY 5, 2011

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- Agencies Affected:** Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC)
Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs

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State Cost	Indeterminate – See comments below		
State Revenue	None – See comments below		

- The Office of Legislative Services is unable to quantify the increased cost that will be incurred by the State.
- The State will not receive any revenue from the issuance of these license plates to cover the cost of the plates.

BILL DESCRIPTION

Assembly Bill No. 1958 (1R) of 2010 authorizes special Gold Star Family license plates for the family members of servicemen and servicewoman who lost their lives while on active duty for the United States. The Department of New Jersey of American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. will design the license plates, to be approved by the Chief Administrator of the MVC. No fees will be charged for the plates.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

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OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

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