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P.L. 2019, CHAPTER 325, *approved January 13, 2020*
Assembly, No. 268

1 AN ACT authorizing the issuance of support recovery license plates,
2 designated as the “P.I.C.K. Awareness Act,” 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 support
10 recovery license plates for any motor vehicle owned or leased and
11 registered in this State. In addition to the registration number and
12 other markings or identification otherwise prescribed by law, the
13 license plates shall display an emblem, consisting of an image of a
14 compass rose with cardinal direction indicators enclosed in a circle,
15 and the words “SUPPORT RECOVERY” beneath the image. The
16 chief administrator shall, in consultation with the Commissioner of
17 Human Services and Parents in Connection for Kids, Inc., select the
18 design and color scheme of the support recovery license plates. The
19 support recovery license plates shall be subject to the provisions of
20 chapter 3 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes, except as hereinafter
21 otherwise specifically provided.

22 b. Application for issuance of support recovery license plates
23 shall be made to the chief administrator on forms and in a manner
24 prescribed by the chief administrator. In order to be deemed
25 complete, an application shall be accompanied by a fee of \$50,
26 payable to the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission, which shall
27 be in addition to the fees otherwise prescribed by law for the
28 registration of a motor vehicle. The chief administrator shall collect
29 annually, subsequent to the year of issuance of the support recovery
30 license plates, a \$10 fee for the license plates in addition to the fees
31 otherwise prescribed by law for the registration of a motor vehicle.
32 The additional fees required by this subsection shall be deposited in
33 the “Support Recovery License Plate Fund” created pursuant to
34 subsection c. of this section.

35 c. There is created in the Department of the Treasury a special
36 non-lapsing fund to be known as the “Support Recovery License
37 Plate Fund.” There shall be deposited in the fund the amount
38 collected from all license plate fees collected pursuant to subsection
39 b. of this section, less the amounts necessary to reimburse the
40 commission for administrative costs pursuant to subsection d. of
41 this section. Monies deposited in the fund shall be appropriated

1 annually to the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services
2 within the Department of Human Services to be used to secure
3 permanent sober living housing for individuals who have completed
4 substance abuse treatment or temporary sober living housing for
5 individuals waiting to be placed in a substance abuse treatment
6 program. Monies appropriated to the division shall not be provided
7 to any individual seeking housing assistance but may be provided to
8 housing facilities to be used as deposits or monthly rent payments
9 for individuals seeking housing assistance. Monies deposited in the
10 fund shall be held in interest-bearing accounts in public depositories
11 as defined pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1970, c.236 (C.17:9-41), and
12 may be invested or reinvested in securities approved by the State
13 Treasurer. Interest or other income earned on monies deposited into
14 the fund, and any monies which may be appropriated or otherwise
15 become available for the purposes of the fund, shall be credited to
16 and deposited in the fund for use as set forth in P.L. , c. (C.)
17 (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

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

23 (1) designing, producing, issuing, renewing, and publicizing the
24 availability of the support recovery license plates; and

25 (2) any computer programming changes that may be initially
26 necessary to implement the support recovery license plate program
27 in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

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

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

41 e. The chief administrator shall notify eligible motorists of the
42 opportunity to obtain support recovery license plates by publicizing
43 the availability of the license plates on the commission's website.
44 The Department of Human Services, and any other individual or
45 entity designated by the Department of Human Services, may
46 publicize the availability of the support recovery license plates in
47 any manner that the department deems appropriate.

48 f. The chief administrator and the Commissioner of Human

1 Services shall develop and enter into an interdepartmental
2 memorandum of agreement setting forth the procedures to be
3 followed in carrying out their respective responsibilities under
4 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

5 g. The Commissioner of Human Services shall appoint a
6 representative who shall act as a liaison between the Department of
7 Human Services and the commission. The liaison shall represent
8 the department in any and all communications with the commission
9 regarding the support recovery license plates established by
10 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

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

14 (1) designing, producing, issuing, and publicizing the
15 availability of support recovery license plates; or

16 (2) any computer programming changes which may be
17 necessary to implement the support recovery license plate program
18 established by P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
19 Legislature as this bill).

20 b. An individual or entity designated by the Department of
21 Human Services shall contribute non-public monies in an amount to
22 be determined by the chief administrator, not to exceed a total of
23 \$25,000, to be used to offset the initial costs incurred by the
24 commission for designing, producing, issuing, and publicizing the
25 availability of support recovery license plates, and any computer
26 programming which may be necessary to implement the program.
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28 monies to the Department of Human Services to be used to offset
29 the initial costs incurred by the commission for the support recovery
30 license plates authorized by P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before
31 the Legislature as this bill). Any amount remaining after the
32 payment of the initial cost shall be deposited in the "Support
33 Recovery License Plate Fund" established pursuant to subsection c.
34 of section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
35 Legislature as this bill).

36 c. The commission shall not begin designing, producing,
37 issuing, or publicizing the availability of support recovery license
38 plates, or making any necessary programming changes, until the
39 following requirements have been met:

40 (1) The individual or entity designated by the Department of
41 Human Services has provided the commission with the money
42 necessary, as determined by the chief administrator pursuant to
43 subsection b. of this section, to offset the initial costs incurred by
44 the commission in establishing the support recovery license plate
45 program; and

46 (2) The liaison appointed by the Commissioner of Human
47 Services pursuant to subsection g. of section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.)
48 (pending before the Legislature as this bill) has provided the

1 commission with not less than 500 completed applications for
2 support recovery license plates. These applications shall constitute
3 the initial order for support recovery license plates and shall be
4 accompanied by a fee representing the total cost of the initial order.
5 The fee shall be determined by multiplying the number of sets of
6 license plates being ordered by the applicable initial fee for each set
7 of license plates as set forth in subsection b. of section 1 of
8 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

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

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23 “P.I.C.K. Awareness Act”; authorizes issuance of special support
24 recovery license plates.

ASSEMBLY, No. 268

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

218th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2018 SESSION

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SYNOPSIS

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CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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10 (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

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12 to subsection b. of this section into the "Support Recovery License
13 Plate Fund," amounts thereof as are necessary shall be used to
14 reimburse the commission for all costs reasonably and actually
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17 availability of the support recovery license plates; and

18 (2) any computer programming changes that may be initially
19 necessary to implement the support recovery license plate program
20 in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

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

28 In the event that the average cost per license plate as certified by
29 the chief administrator and approved by the Joint Budget Oversight
30 Committee, or its successor, is greater than the \$50 application fee
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32 years, the chief administrator may discontinue the issuance of
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35 opportunity to obtain support recovery license plates by publicizing
36 the availability of the license plates on the commission's website.
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40 any manner that the department deems appropriate.

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42 Services shall develop and enter into an interdepartmental
43 memorandum of agreement setting forth the procedures to be
44 followed in carrying out their respective responsibilities under
45 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

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47 representative who shall act as a liaison between the Department of
48 Human Services and the commission. The liaison shall represent

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12 Legislature as this bill).

13 b. An individual or entity designated by the Department of
14 Human Services, shall contribute non-public monies in an amount
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26 Recovery License Plate Fund" established pursuant to subsection c.
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35 necessary, as determined by the chief administrator pursuant to
36 subsection b. of this section, to offset the initial costs incurred by
37 the commission in establishing the support recovery license plate
38 program; and

39 (2) The liaison appointed by the Commissioner of Human
40 Services pursuant to subsection g. of section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.)
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42 commission with not less than 500 completed applications for
43 support recovery license plates. These applications shall constitute
44 the initial order for support recovery license plates and shall be
45 accompanied by a fee representing the total cost of the initial order.
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47 license plates being ordered by the applicable initial fee for each set

1 of license plates as set forth in subsection b. of section 1 of
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4 3. This act shall take effect immediately, but shall remain
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9 may be necessary for the timely implementation of this act. This
10 act shall expire if the conditions set forth in paragraphs (1) and (2)
11 of subsection c. of section 2 of this act are not satisfied by the last
12 day of the 12th month following enactment.

13 14 15 STATEMENT

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17 This bill, designated as the “P.I.C.K. Awareness Act,” authorizes
18 the Chief Administrator (chief administrator) of the New Jersey
19 Motor Vehicle Commission (commission) to issue special support
20 recovery license plates.

21 Parents in Connection for Kids, Inc., commonly known as
22 P.I.C.K. Awareness, is a non-profit organization that seeks to
23 provide substance abuse treatment resources and referrals and
24 substance abuse awareness and prevention education to parents of
25 children with alcohol and drug addictions. The Division of Mental
26 Health and Addiction Services (division) within the Department of
27 Human Services (department) provides and partners with various
28 non-profit organizations to provide recovery support services,
29 which are non-clinical services that that facilitate recovery and
30 wellness to improve the quality of life of individuals with drug and
31 alcohol addiction and their families. It is the sponsor’s intent that
32 this bill will reduce homelessness as a barrier to recovery and will
33 provide a sustainable funding source for indigent individuals with
34 alcohol and drug addictions who are in an emergent situation or
35 crisis and need housing in a sober living environment to reduce
36 relapse by assisting individuals break the cycle of addiction.

37 The bill provides that the design of the support recovery license
38 plate is to display an emblem, consisting of an image of a compass
39 rose with cardinal direction indicators enclosed in a circle, and the
40 words “SUPPORT RECOVERY” beneath the image. The chief
41 administrator is to, in consultation with the Commissioner of
42 Human Services and Parents in Connection for Kids, Inc., select the
43 design and color scheme of the support recovery license plates.

44 In addition to all fees otherwise required by law for the
45 registration of a motor vehicle, there is an application fee of \$50
46 and an annual renewal fee of \$10 for the support recovery license
47 plates. After the deduction of the cost of designing, producing,
48 issuing, renewing, and publicizing the plates and of any computer

1 programming changes that are necessary to implement the license
2 plate program, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000, the additional
3 fees will be deposited into a special non-lapsing fund known as the
4 “Support Recovery License Plate Fund.” The proceeds of the fund
5 are to be annually appropriated to the division to be used to secure
6 permanent sober living housing for individuals who have completed
7 substance abuse treatment or temporary sober living housing for
8 individuals waiting to be placed in a substance abuse treatment
9 program. The proceeds of the fund that are to be appropriated to
10 the division are not to be provided to any individual seeking
11 housing assistance but may be provided to housing facilities to be
12 used as deposits or monthly rent payments for individuals seeking
13 housing assistance.

14 The chief administrator is required to annually certify the
15 average cost of producing, issuing, renewing, and publicizing the
16 availability of the specialty license plates. If the average cost per
17 plate exceeds \$50 in two consecutive fiscal years, the chief
18 administrator may discontinue the support recovery license plate
19 program. The bill also requires that the Commissioner of Human
20 Services appoint a liaison to represent the department in all
21 communications with the commission regarding the support
22 recovery license plates.

23 The bill provides that State or other public funds are not to be
24 used by the commission for the initial cost to implement the support
25 recovery license plate program. The bill requires an individual or
26 entity designated by the department, to contribute non-public
27 monies, not to exceed \$25,000, to offset the initial costs to design,
28 produce, issue, and publicize the license plates. The bill authorizes
29 the department to receive funds from private sources to be used to
30 offset the initial costs.

31 The chief administrator is not required to design, produce, issue,
32 or publicize the availability of the support recovery license plates,
33 until: (1) the individual or entity designated by the department has
34 provided the commission with the money necessary to offset the
35 initial costs incurred by the commission in establishing the support
36 recovery license plate program; and (2) the department’s liaison has
37 provided the commission with a minimum of 500 completed
38 applications for the support recovery license plates.

39 The provisions of the bill will remain inoperative until the
40 appropriate applications and fees required to offset the initial costs
41 incurred by the commission are provided by the department’s
42 liaison. The bill expires after 12 months if sufficient applications
43 and fees to offset the initial costs are not received.

ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION AND INDEPENDENT
AUTHORITIES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 268

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 1, 2018

The Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 268.

As reported, this bill, designated as the “P.I.C.K. Awareness Act,” authorizes the Chief Administrator (chief administrator) of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (commission) to issue special support recovery license plates.

The bill provides that the design of the support recovery license plate is to display an emblem, consisting of an image of a compass rose with cardinal direction indicators enclosed in a circle, and the words “SUPPORT RECOVERY” beneath the image. The chief administrator is to, in consultation with the Commissioner of Human Services and Parents in Connection for Kids, Inc., select the design and color scheme of the support recovery license plates.

In addition to all fees otherwise required by law for the registration of a motor vehicle, there is an application fee of \$50 and an annual renewal fee of \$10 for the support recovery license plates. After the deduction of the cost of designing, producing, issuing, renewing, and publicizing the plates and of any computer programming changes that are necessary to implement the license plate program, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000, the additional fees will be deposited into a special non-lapsing fund known as the “Support Recovery License Plate Fund.” The proceeds of the fund are to be annually appropriated to the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (division) within the Department of Human Services to be used to secure permanent sober living housing for individuals who have completed substance abuse treatment or temporary sober living housing for individuals waiting to be placed in a substance abuse treatment program. The proceeds of the fund that are to be appropriated to the division are not to be provided to any individual seeking housing assistance but may be provided to housing facilities to be used as deposits or monthly rent payments for individuals seeking housing assistance.

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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 liaison. The bill expires after 12 months if sufficient applications and fees to offset the initial costs are not received by the commission.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2018-2019 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. 268

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 26, 2018

The Senate Transportation Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 268.

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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 liaison. The bill expires after 12 months if sufficient applications and fees to offset the initial costs are not received by the commission.

As reported by the committee, Assembly Bill No. 268 is identical to Senate Bill No. 469 which was also reported by the committee on this date.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 268

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DATED: DECEMBER 5, 2019

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The bill provides that State or other public funds are not to be used by the commission for the initial cost to implement the support recovery 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 authorizes the department to receive funds from private sources to be used to offset the initial costs.

The chief administrator is not required to design, produce, issue, or publicize the availability of the support recovery license plates or make any necessary programming changes, until: (1) the 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 support recovery license plate program; and (2) the department's liaison has provided the commission with a minimum of 500 completed applications for the support recovery 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 by the department's liaison. The bill expires after 12 months if sufficient applications and fees to offset the initial costs are not received by the commission.

As reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 469, as also reported by the committee.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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 for the new specialty license plate the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) will receive. The OLS notes, however, that the implementation of the bill is conditioned upon the receipt by the MVC of a minimum of 500 applications for the new specialty license plate.

The bill establishes the support recovery license plate program in such a manner that the MVC may fully recover the expenses incurred in administering the program. The MVC has identified its initial cost of designing and establishing a new license plate series as \$62,000, which is largely attributable to computer system changes, and the per plate cost of an initial 550 plate run as \$6.60, for a total cost of \$65,700.

The MVC will receive a \$50 support recovery license plate application fee in addition to a \$10 annual renewal fee. Initial fee collections will reimburse the MVC for the expenses it incurs in

administering the program. In addition, the MVC 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 MVC will then be permitted to retain additional fee amounts until its costs are fully reimbursed.

After the MVC's cost recovery, indeterminate excess application and renewal fee collections will be appropriated to the Department of Health (DOH) for sober living housing.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE
ASSEMBLY, No. 268
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
218th LEGISLATURE

DATED: FEBRUARY 22, 2018

SUMMARY

Synopsis: “P.I.C.K. Awareness Act”; authorizes issuance of special support recovery license plates.

Types of Impact: Annual State revenue and expenditure increases.

Agencies Affected: New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission.
Department of Health.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Thereafter</u>
State Cost 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 for the new specialty license plate the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) will receive. The OLS notes, however, that the implementation of the bill is conditioned upon the receipt by the MVC of a minimum of 500 applications for the new specialty license plate.
- The bill establishes the support recovery license plate program in such a manner that the MVC may fully recover the expenses incurred in administering the program. The MVC has identified its initial cost of designing and establishing a new license plate series as \$62,000, which is largely attributable to computer system changes, and the per plate cost of an initial 550 plate run as \$6.60, for a total cost of \$65,700.
- The MVC will receive a \$50 support recovery license plate application fee in addition to a \$10 annual renewal fee. Initial fee collections will reimburse the MVC for the expenses it incurs in administering the program. In addition, the MVC 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 MVC will then be permitted to retain additional fee amounts until its costs are fully reimbursed.

- After the MVC's cost recovery, indeterminate excess application and renewal fee collections will be appropriated to the Department of Health (DOH) for sober living housing.

BILL DESCRIPTION

This bill authorizes the MVC to issue special support recovery license plates.

In addition to all fees otherwise required by law for the registration of a motor vehicle, there is an application fee of \$50 and an annual renewal fee of \$10 for the support recovery license plates. After the deduction of the MVC's cost of designing, producing, issuing, renewing, and publicizing the plates and of any computer programming changes that are necessary to implement the license plate program, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000, the additional fees will be deposited into a special non-lapsing fund known as the "Support Recovery License Plate Fund." Fund proceeds are to be annually appropriated to the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services within the DOH to be used to secure permanent sober living housing for individuals who have completed substance abuse treatment or temporary sober living housing for individuals waiting to be placed in a substance abuse treatment program.

State or other public funds are not to be used for the initial cost to establish the support recovery license plate program. Accordingly, the MVC is not required to implement the program if the following conditions are not met in the first 12 months following the date of enactment: (1) an individual or entity designated by the DOH has contributed non-public moneys, not to exceed \$25,000, to offset the MVC's initial cost to establish the program; and (2) the MVC has received a minimum of 500 completed applications for the specialty license plates. Once the two conditions are met, the MVC has six months to implement the program.

Upon program implementation the MVC 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 MVC may discontinue the program.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

The Executive has not submitted a formal, written fiscal note for this bill. However, in response to an OLS Discussion Point in the FY 2017-2018 Department of Transportation and Motor Vehicle Commission Budget Analysis the MVC indicated that its upfront cost was \$65,700 to set up a license plate program, which includes computer changes and the initial print run of 550 plates.

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 for the new specialty license plate the MVC will receive.

The bill establishes the support recovery license plate program in such a manner that the MVC may fully recover the expenses it incurs in administering the program. But the MVC may

also, at its discretion, operate the program at a net cost. 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 MVC will be able to recover its costs within no more than three years of the creation of the program.

Before the MVC begins designing and producing the license plates, an entity designated by the DOH is required to provide up to \$25,000 and pre-register 500 applicants for the license plates. This requirement ensures that the MVC will be able to recover its initial costs in producing the license plates, and if enough funds are not provided, the MVC 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 MVC may still discontinue the program if the production cost exceeds \$50 per license plate, which is the initial fee that the MVC will collect for each plate. This ensures that the MVC will not experience any net costs in the administration of this license plate program. The current cost per plate to the MVC is \$6.60 so it is unlikely that the MVC will experience any net cost in the administration of the program.

The MVC indicated in response to an FY 2017-2018 OLS Discussion Point 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 MVC 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 support recovery 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. So in the event that no other plates were purchased under the program, the MVC would largely recover the remaining costs after three years of collecting the annual fee.

The bill prevents the MVC from realizing net revenues in administering the program because the bill requires the MVC to deposit all program fees into a special fund to be appropriated by the DOH for sober living housing, once the MVC has subtracted its costs in administering the program. The combination of guaranteed fee collection for the MVC 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 MVC in the administration of this license plate program.

The dedication of the remaining funds to the DOH for sober living housing will either increase the amount of State funding for sober living housing or offset existing appropriations therefor. In either case, fund balances will represent additional State revenue and spending.

Section: Authorities, Utilities, Transportation and Communications

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

SENATE, No. 469

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2018 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Senator ROBERT W. SINGER

District 30 (Monmouth and Ocean)

Senator VIN GOPAL

District 11 (Monmouth)

SYNOPSIS

“P.I.C.K. Awareness Act”; authorizes issuance of special support recovery license plates.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/27/2018)

1 AN ACT authorizing the issuance of support recovery license plates,
2 designated as the “P.I.C.K. Awareness Act,” 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 support
10 recovery license plates for any motor vehicle owned or leased and
11 registered in this State. In addition to the registration number and
12 other markings or identification otherwise prescribed by law, the
13 license plates shall display an emblem, consisting of an image of a
14 compass rose with cardinal direction indicators enclosed in a circle,
15 and the words “SUPPORT RECOVERY” beneath the image. The
16 chief administrator shall, in consultation with the Commissioner of
17 Human Services and Parents in Connection for Kids, Inc., select the
18 design and color scheme of the support recovery license plates. The
19 support recovery license plates shall be subject to the provisions of
20 chapter 3 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes, except as hereinafter
21 otherwise specifically provided.

22 b. Application for issuance of support recovery license plates
23 shall be made to the chief administrator on forms and in a manner
24 prescribed by the chief administrator. In order to be deemed
25 complete, an application shall be accompanied by a fee of \$50,
26 payable to the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission, which shall
27 be in addition to the fees otherwise prescribed by law for the
28 registration of a motor vehicle. The chief administrator shall collect
29 annually, subsequent to the year of issuance of the support recovery
30 license plates, a \$10 fee for the license plates in addition to the fees
31 otherwise prescribed by law for the registration of a motor vehicle.
32 The additional fees required by this subsection shall be deposited in
33 the “Support Recovery License Plate Fund” created pursuant to
34 subsection c. of this section.

35 c. There is created in the Department of the Treasury a special
36 non-lapsing fund to be known as the “Support Recovery License
37 Plate Fund.” There shall be deposited in the fund the amount
38 collected from all license plate fees collected pursuant to subsection
39 b. of this section, less the amounts necessary to reimburse the
40 commission for administrative costs pursuant to subsection d. of
41 this section. Monies deposited in the fund shall be appropriated
42 annually to the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services
43 within the Department of Human Services to be used to secure
44 permanent sober living housing for individuals who have completed
45 substance abuse treatment or temporary sober living housing for
46 individuals waiting to be placed in a substance abuse treatment
47 program. Monies appropriated to the division shall not be provided
48 to any individual seeking housing assistance but may be provided to

1 housing facilities to be used as deposits or monthly rent payments
2 for individuals seeking housing assistance. Monies deposited in the
3 fund shall be held in interest-bearing accounts in public depositories
4 as defined pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1970, c.236 (C.17:9-41), and
5 may be invested or reinvested in securities approved by the State
6 Treasurer. Interest or other income earned on monies deposited into
7 the fund, and any monies which may be appropriated or otherwise
8 become available for the purposes of the fund, shall be credited to
9 and deposited in the fund for use as set forth in P.L. , c. (C.)
10 (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

11 d. Prior to the deposit of the additional fees collected pursuant
12 to subsection b. of this section into the "Support Recovery License
13 Plate Fund," amounts thereof as are necessary shall be used to
14 reimburse the commission for all costs reasonably and actually
15 incurred, as stipulated by the chief administrator, for:

16 (1) designing, producing, issuing, renewing, and publicizing the
17 availability of the support recovery license plates; and

18 (2) any computer programming changes that may be initially
19 necessary to implement the support recovery license plate program
20 in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

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

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

34 e. The chief administrator shall notify eligible motorists of the
35 opportunity to obtain support recovery license plates by publicizing
36 the availability of the license plates on the commission's website.
37 The Department of Human Services, and any other individual or
38 entity designated by the Department of Human Services, may
39 publicize the availability of the support recovery license plates in
40 any manner that the department deems appropriate.

41 f. The chief administrator and the Commissioner of Human
42 Services shall develop and enter into an interdepartmental
43 memorandum of agreement setting forth the procedures to be
44 followed in carrying out their respective responsibilities under
45 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

46 g. The Commissioner of Human Services shall appoint a
47 representative who shall act as a liaison between the Department of
48 Human Services and the commission. The liaison shall represent

1 the department in any and all communications with the commission
2 regarding the support recovery license plates established by P.L. ,
3 c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

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

7 (1) designing, producing, issuing, and publicizing the availability
8 of support recovery license plates; or

9 (2) any computer programming changes which may be necessary
10 to implement the support recovery license plate program established
11 by P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this
12 bill).

13 b. An individual or entity designated by the Department of
14 Human Services, shall contribute non-public monies in an amount
15 to be determined by the chief administrator, not to exceed a total of
16 \$25,000, to be used to offset the initial costs incurred by the
17 commission for designing, producing, issuing, and publicizing the
18 availability of support recovery license plates, and any computer
19 programming which may be necessary to implement the program.
20 Concerned organizations and individual donors may contribute
21 monies to the Department of Human Services to be used to offset
22 the initial costs incurred by the commission for the support recovery
23 license plates authorized by P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before
24 the Legislature as this bill). Any amount remaining after the
25 payment of the initial cost shall be deposited in the "Support
26 Recovery License Plate Fund" established pursuant to subsection c.
27 of section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
28 Legislature as this bill).

29 c. The commission shall not begin designing, producing,
30 issuing, or publicizing the availability of support recovery license
31 plates, or making any necessary programming changes, until the
32 following requirements have been met:

33 (1) The individual or entity designated by the Department of
34 Human Services, has provided the commission with the money
35 necessary, as determined by the chief administrator pursuant to
36 subsection b. of this section, to offset the initial costs incurred by
37 the commission in establishing the support recovery license plate
38 program; and

39 (2) The liaison appointed by the Commissioner of Human
40 Services pursuant to subsection g. of section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.)
41 (pending before the Legislature as this bill) has provided the
42 commission with not less than 500 completed applications for
43 support recovery license plates. These applications shall constitute
44 the initial order for support recovery license plates and shall be
45 accompanied by a fee representing the total cost of the initial order.
46 The fee shall be determined by multiplying the number of sets of
47 license plates being ordered by the applicable initial fee for each set

1 of license plates as set forth in subsection b. of section 1 of P.L. ,
2 c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

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4 3. This act shall take effect immediately, but shall remain
5 inoperative until the first day of the seventh month following the
6 date on which the conditions set forth in paragraphs (1) and (2) of
7 subsection c. of section 2 of this act have been satisfied. The chief
8 administrator may take anticipatory acts in advance of that date as
9 may be necessary for the timely implementation of this act. This
10 act shall expire if the conditions set forth in paragraphs (1) and (2)
11 of subsection c. of section 2 of this act are not satisfied by the last
12 day of the 12th month following enactment.

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15 STATEMENT

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17 This bill, designated as the “P.I.C.K. Awareness Act,” authorizes
18 the Chief Administrator (chief administrator) of the New Jersey
19 Motor Vehicle Commission (commission) to issue special support
20 recovery license plates.

21 Parents in Connection for Kids, Inc., commonly known as
22 P.I.C.K. Awareness, is a non-profit organization that seeks to
23 provide substance abuse treatment resources and referrals and
24 substance abuse awareness and prevention education to parents of
25 children with alcohol and drug addictions. The Division of Mental
26 Health and Addiction Services (division) within the Department of
27 Human Services (department) provides and partners with various
28 non-profit organizations to provide recovery support services,
29 which are non-clinical services that that facilitate recovery and
30 wellness to improve the quality of life of individuals with drug and
31 alcohol addiction and their families. It is the sponsor’s intent that
32 this bill will reduce homelessness as a barrier to recovery and will
33 provide a sustainable funding source for indigent individuals with
34 alcohol and drug addictions who are in an emergent situation or
35 crisis and need housing in a sober living environment to reduce
36 relapse by assisting individuals break the cycle of addiction.

37 The bill provides that the design of the support recovery license
38 plate is to display an emblem, consisting of an image of a compass
39 rose with cardinal direction indicators enclosed in a circle, and the
40 words “SUPPORT RECOVERY” beneath the image. The chief
41 administrator is to, in consultation with the Commissioner of
42 Human Services and Parents in Connection for Kids, Inc., select the
43 design and color scheme of the support recovery license plates.

44 In addition to all fees otherwise required by law for the
45 registration of a motor vehicle, there is an application fee of \$50
46 and an annual renewal fee of \$10 for the support recovery license
47 plates. After the deduction of the cost of designing, producing,
48 issuing, renewing, and publicizing the plates and of any computer

1 programming changes that are necessary to implement the license
2 plate program, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000, the additional
3 fees will be deposited into a special non-lapsing fund known as the
4 “Support Recovery License Plate Fund.” The proceeds of the fund
5 are to be annually appropriated to the division to be used to secure
6 permanent sober living housing for individuals who have completed
7 substance abuse treatment or temporary sober living housing for
8 individuals waiting to be placed in a substance abuse treatment
9 program. The proceeds of the fund that are to be appropriated to
10 the division are not to be provided to any individual seeking
11 housing assistance but may be provided to housing facilities to be
12 used as deposits or monthly rent payments for individuals seeking
13 housing assistance.

14 The chief administrator is required to annually certify the
15 average cost of producing, issuing, renewing, and publicizing the
16 availability of the specialty license plates. If the average cost per
17 plate exceeds \$50 in two consecutive fiscal years, the chief
18 administrator may discontinue the support recovery license plate
19 program. The bill also requires that the Commissioner of Human
20 Services appoint a liaison to represent the department in all
21 communications with the commission regarding the support
22 recovery license plates.

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24 used by the commission for the initial cost to implement the support
25 recovery license plate program. The bill requires an individual or
26 entity designated by the department, to contribute non-public
27 monies, not to exceed \$25,000, to offset the initial costs to design,
28 produce, issue, and publicize the license plates. The bill authorizes
29 the department to receive funds from private sources to be used to
30 offset the initial costs.

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32 or publicize the availability of the support recovery license plates,
33 until: (1) the individual or entity designated by the department has
34 provided the commission with the money necessary to offset the
35 initial costs incurred by the commission in establishing the support
36 recovery license plate program; and (2) the department’s liaison has
37 provided the commission with a minimum of 500 completed
38 applications for the support recovery license plates.

39 The provisions of the bill will remain inoperative until the
40 appropriate applications and fees required to offset the initial costs
41 incurred by the commission are provided by the department’s
42 liaison. The bill expires after 12 months if sufficient applications
43 and fees to offset the initial costs are not received.

SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 469

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 26, 2018

The Senate Transportation Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 469.

As reported, this bill, designated as the “P.I.C.K. Awareness Act,” authorizes the Chief Administrator (chief administrator) of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (commission) to issue special support recovery license plates.

The bill provides that the design of the support recovery license plate is to display an emblem, consisting of an image of a compass rose with cardinal direction indicators enclosed in a circle, and the words “SUPPORT RECOVERY” beneath the image. The chief administrator is to, in consultation with the Commissioner of Human Services and Parents in Connection for Kids, Inc., select the design and color scheme of the support recovery license plates.

In addition to all fees otherwise required by law for the registration of a motor vehicle, there is an application fee of \$50 and an annual renewal fee of \$10 for the support recovery license plates. After the deduction of the cost of designing, producing, issuing, renewing, and publicizing the plates and of any computer programming changes that are necessary to implement the license plate program, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000, the additional fees will be deposited into a special non-lapsing fund known as the “Support Recovery License Plate Fund.” The proceeds of the fund are to be annually appropriated to the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (division) within the Department of Human Services to be used to secure permanent sober living housing for individuals who have completed substance abuse treatment or temporary sober living housing for individuals waiting to be placed in a substance abuse treatment program. The proceeds of the fund that are to be appropriated to the division are not to be provided to any individual seeking housing assistance but may be provided to housing facilities to be used as deposits or monthly rent payments for individuals seeking housing assistance.

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represent the department in all communications with the commission regarding the support recovery license plates.

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This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2018-2019 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

As reported by the committee, Senate Bill No. 469 is identical to Assembly Bill No. 268 which was also reported by the committee on this date.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 469

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 5, 2019

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 469.

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LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE
SENATE, No. 469
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
218th LEGISLATURE

DATED: DECEMBER 3, 2019

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** “P.I.C.K. Awareness Act”; authorizes issuance of special support recovery license plates.
- Types of Impact:** Annual State revenue and expenditure increases.
- Agencies Affected:** New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission;
Department of Human Services.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Thereafter</u>
State Cost 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 for the new specialty license plate the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) will receive. The OLS notes, however, that the implementation of the bill is conditioned upon the receipt by the MVC of a minimum of 500 applications for the new specialty license plate.
- The bill establishes the support recovery license plate program in such a manner that the MVC may fully recover the expenses incurred in administering the program. The MVC has identified its initial cost of designing and establishing a new license plate series as \$62,000, which is largely attributable to computer system changes, and the per-plate cost of an initial 550 plate run as \$6.60, for a total cost of \$65,700.
- The MVC will receive a \$50 application fee for each support recovery license plate in addition to a \$10 annual renewal fee. Initial fee collections will reimburse the MVC for the expenses it incurs in administering the program. In addition, the MVC 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 MVC will then be permitted to retain additional fee amounts until its costs are fully reimbursed.

- After the MVC's cost recovery, indeterminate excess application and renewal fee collections will be appropriated to the Department of Human Services (DHS) for sober living housing.

BILL DESCRIPTION

This bill authorizes the MVC to issue special support recovery license plates.

In addition to all fees otherwise required by law for the registration of a motor vehicle, there is an application fee of \$50 and an annual renewal fee of \$10 for the support recovery license plates. After deducting the MVC's cost of designing, producing, issuing, renewing, and publicizing the plates and of any computer programming changes that are necessary to implement the license plate program, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000; the additional fees will be deposited into a special non-lapsing fund known as the "Support Recovery License Plate Fund." Fund proceeds are to be annually appropriated to the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services within the DHS to be used to secure permanent sober living housing for individuals who have completed substance abuse treatment or temporary sober living housing for individuals waiting to be placed in a substance abuse treatment program.

State or other public funds are not to be used for the initial cost to establish the support recovery license plate program. Accordingly, the MVC is not required to implement the program if the following conditions are not met in the first 12 months following the date of enactment: (1) an individual or entity designated by the DHS has contributed non-public moneys, not to exceed \$25,000, to offset the MVC's initial cost to establish the program; and (2) the MVC has received a minimum of 500 completed applications for the specialty license plates. Once the two conditions are met, the MVC has six months to implement the program.

Upon program implementation, the MVC 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 MVC may discontinue the program.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

The Executive has not submitted a formal, written fiscal note for this bill. However, in response to an OLS Discussion Point in the FY 2017-2018 Department of Transportation and Motor Vehicle Commission Budget Analysis the MVC indicated that its upfront cost was \$65,700 to set up a license plate program, which includes computer changes and the initial print run of 550 plates.

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 for the new specialty license plate the MVC will receive.

The bill establishes the support recovery license plate program in such a manner that the MVC may fully recover the expenses it incurs in administering the program. But the MVC may also, at its discretion, operate the program at a net cost. 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 MVC will be able to recover its costs within no more than three years of the creation of the program.

Before the MVC begins designing and producing the license plates, an entity designated by the DHS is required to provide up to \$25,000 and pre-register 500 applicants for the license plates. This requirement ensures that the MVC will be able to recover its initial costs in producing the license plates, and if enough funds are not provided, the MVC 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 MVC may still discontinue the program if the production cost exceeds \$50 per license plate, which is the initial fee that the MVC will collect for each plate. This ensures that the MVC will not experience any net costs in the administration of this license plate program. The current cost per plate to the MVC is \$6.60 so it is unlikely that the MVC will experience any net cost in the administration of the program.

The MVC indicated in response to an FY 2017-2018 OLS Discussion Point 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 MVC 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 support recovery 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. So in the event that no other plates were purchased under the program, the MVC would largely recover the remaining costs after three years of collecting the annual fee.

The bill prevents the MVC from realizing net revenues in administering the program because the bill requires the MVC to deposit all program fees into a special fund to be appropriated by the DHS for sober living housing, once the MVC has subtracted its costs in administering the program. The combination of guaranteed fee collection for the MVC 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 MVC in the administration of this license plate program.

The dedication of the remaining funds to the DHS for sober living housing will either increase the amount of State funding for sober living housing or offset existing appropriations therefor. In either case, fund balances will represent additional State revenue and spending.

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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.).

Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

01/13/2020

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

A268 (Kean, Egan, Holley/Singer, Gopal) - "P.I.C.K. Awareness Act"; authorizes issuance of special support recovery license plates.

A790 (Andrzejczak, Land, Mosquera, Mukherji, Downey, Zwicker, Mazzeo/Connors, Singleton) - "Combat to College Act"; grants priority course registration to military service members and veterans attending public institutions of higher education.

A791 (Andrzejczak, Land, Mosquera, Danielsen, Mukherji, Downey, Zwicker/Van Drew, Brown) - Requires institution of higher education to award appropriate credit for student's military service.

A1212 (McKeon, Gusciora, Vainieri Huttie/Sweeney, Smith, Bateman, Greenstein) - Clarifies intent of P.L.2007, c.340 regarding NJ's required participation in Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.

A1305 (Greenwald/Rice) - Renames Mountainview Youth Correctional Facility as "William H. Fauver Youth Correctional Facility."

A1576 (Conaway, Giblin/Vitale) - Requires certain health care facilities to provide, and employees to receive, annual influenza vaccination.

A1582 (Conaway, Moriarty, Mosquera, Benson, Pinkin, Giblin, Quijano/Weinberg, Ruiz) - Establishes "Dietetics and Nutrition Licensing Act".

A1991 (Sumter, Munoz, Mukherji/Singer, Gordon) - Requires students at institutions of higher education to receive immunization for meningitis in accordance with recommendations of Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

A3101 (Egan Jones, Benson, Land/Singleton) - Increases minimum annual amounts for appropriation for certain arts, historical heritage, and tourism purposes from hotel and motel occupancy fee revenues.

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A3160 (Lampitt, Giblin, Murphy/Beach) - Permits cosmetology and hairstyling school clinics to charge certain fees for services rendered to general public.

A3832 (Mukherji, McKnight, Chiaravalloti/Cryan, Stack) - Authorizes municipal tax levy through public question for certain purposes; clarifies ability of local government entities to issue non-recourse bonds; appropriates \$100,000.

A4493 (Pinkin, Conaway, Vainieri Huttie/Vitale) - Authorizes expedited partner therapy, under which sexual partners or patients diagnosed with sexually transmitted disease are treated without prior clinical examination.

A4608 (Zwicker, Downey/Weinberg, Kean) - " Applied Behavior Analyst Licensing Act."

A4710 (Lampitt, Zwicker, Vainieri Huttie/Beach,Turner) - "Strengthening Gifted and Talented Education Act"; establishes school district responsibilities in educating gifted and talented students.

A5037 (Pintor Marin, Speight, Vainieri Huttie/Andrzejczak, Greenstein) - Enhances penalties related to counterfeit drugs.

A5091 (McKeon, Vainieri Huttie, Pinkin/Pou, Singleton) - Establishes "Safeguarding Against Financial Exploitation Act."

A5263 (Tully, Armato/Corrado) - Requires four-year public institution of higher education to award college credits to firefighters for certain courses completed at county fire academies.

A5277 (DeAngelo, Houghtaling/Greenstein) - Eliminates term limits for members of State Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers and State Board of Examiners of Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Contractors.

A5624 (Pintor Marin, Munoz, Lampitt/Weinberg, Corrado) - Requires that State employee serve as Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action officer for gubernatorial transitions.

A5625 (Pintor Marin, Munoz, Lampitt/Weinberg, Corrado) - Requires payment of expenses related to background investigations for certain gubernatorial transition positions.

A5628 (Pintor Marin, Munoz, McKnight/Weinberg, Corrado) - Requires Civil Service Commission establish standardize recordkeeping and retention requirements with regard to unclassified State employees.

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A5631 (Pintor Marin, Munoz, Pinkin/Weinberg, Corrado) - Specifies certain requirements for State agency review of complaint of workplace discrimination.

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A5632 (Pintor Marin, Munoz, Reynolds-Jackson/Weinberg) - Requires certain public employees receive additional training to manage harassment or discrimination complaints.

A5917 (Chiaravalloti, McKnight/Cunningham, Weinberg) - Expands DOH oversight of hospital finances.

A6007 (McKeon/Pou) - Requires insurers and insurance groups to submit corporate governance annual disclosure to DOBI Commissioner.

S463 (Singer, Greenstein/Dancer, Calabrese, DeAngelo) - Provides for voluntary contributions by taxpayers on gross income tax returns for Meals on Wheels.

S538 (Oroho, Stack/Wirths, Vaineri Huttie, Bucco) - Allows long term tax exemption extension for certain low-income housing.

S775 (Cunningham, Sacco/Sumter, Caride, Vainieri Huttie) - Establishes Tuition Aid Grant Study Commission to examine New Jersey's Tuition Aid Grant Program and make recommendations regarding improvements to program.

S778 (Cunningham, Kean/Quijano, Jasey, Pintor Marin) - Establishes Campus Sexual Assault Commission.

S1493 (Stack, Singleton/Quijano, Chaparro, Timberlake) - Prohibits landlords from requiring residential tenants to pay rent and other related charges through electronic funds transfer; requires landlords to provide receipts for cash payments.

S1508 (Turner, Singleton/Reynolds-Jackson, Sumter, Wimberly) - Eliminates motor vehicle surcharges following retirement of bonds and debts tied to surcharges.

S1834 (Ruiz, Cunningham/Quijano, Murphy) - Requires each public institution of higher education to post its budget on the institution's website.

S1953 (Oroho, Cruz-Perez/Space, Andrzejcack, Wirths) - Directs Dept. of Agriculture to authorize and advise food hubs.

S1966 (Sweeney, Singleton/Taliaferro) - Increases death benefit of active member of PFRS and SPRS to 50 percent of final compensation for surviving child or children.

S2527 (Ruiz, Turner/Lampitt, Quijano, Timberlake) - Requires Department of Agriculture to promote school meal programs.

S2533 (Greenstein, Cruz-Perez/Vainieri Huttie, Lopez, Timberlake) - Requires Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy to provide services to certain inmates.

S2898 (Madden, Sarlo/Murphy, Mosquera, Vainieri Huttie) - Establishes "New Jersey Fire and EMS Crisis Intervention Services" telephone hotline; provides funding for hotline through fire inspection fees and penalties.

S2980 (Ruiz/Lampitt, McKnight) - Provides that school district may not condition student enrollment in district on fact that MVC does not have name or address of parent or guardian on file.

S2982 (Ruiz/Lampitt, Mukherji, Lopez) - Clarifies that child may not be excluded from public school based on membership in protected category under "Law Against Discrimination" or immigration status.

S2998 (Ruiz/Freiman, Downey) - Requires creditors to make certain disclosures regarding collateral protection insurance to consumer debtors.

S3064 (Ruiz, Singleton/Armato, Conaway, Swain) - Establishes task force to develop State-wide plan to diversify apprenticeships.

S3066 (Ruiz, Singleton/Lampitt, Mukherji, Benson) - Creates five year High-Growth Industry Regional Apprenticeship Development Grant Pilot Program.

S3118 (Ruiz/Speight, Munoz, Tucker) - Establishes public awareness campaign to promote early conversations about advance care planning and end-of-life care.

S3124 (Stack/Mukherji) - Requires landlords to allow tenants to pay rent up to three business days after eviction order or lockout is executed and accept rent payments by any means.

S3206 (Pou, Cruz-Perez/Lopez, McKeon, Murphy) - Establishes "Unbanked and Underbanked Consumers Study Commission."

S3215 (Greenstein, Singleton/Zwicker, Mukherji, Swain) - Requires State to use 20-year time horizon and most recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Assessment Report when calculating global warming potential to measure global warming impact of greenhouse gases.

S3246 (Sarlo, Singleton, Oroho, Bucco/Benson, Bucco, Freiman) - Establishes elective pass-through entity business alternative income tax and allows corresponding refundable gross income tax and corporation business tax credit.

S3327 (Ruiz, Cruz-Perez/Lopez, Timberlake) - Establishes Commission on Latino and Hispanic Heritage in DOE.

S3348 (Weinberg/Vainieri Huttle, McKnight) - Requires home health agencies and specialty pharmacies providing services related to bleeding episodes associated with hemophilia to comply with certain minimum practice standards.

S3528 (Scutari, Codey/Vainieri Huttle, Quijano, Kennedy) - Establishes process to obtain judgement of adoption for civil union partner or spouse of natural or legal parent of child when that person is named as parent on child's birth certificate.

S3574 (Scutari, Kean, Cryan/Carter, Kennedy, Freiman) - Requires NJT to conduct feasibility study on restoring one-seat ride to Manhattan on Raritan Valley Line.

Governor Murphy conditionally vetoed the following bills:

A2431 (Benson, Jimenez, DeCroce, Eustace/Weinberg, Kean) – Requires health insurers to provide plans that limit patient cost-sharing concerning certain prescription drug coverage.

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A4978 (Timberlake, Zwicker, Vainieri Huttle/Greenstein, Cryan) – Prohibits online education services from using and disclosing certain information, engaging in targeted advertising, and requires deletion of certain information in certain circumstances.

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S3920 (Pou/Wimberly, Sumter) – Concerns provision of energy to certain manufacturing facilities by providing exemptions to certain energy related taxes.

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Governor Murphy absolute vetoed the following bill:

S4139 (Greenstein/Benson) - Makes Fiscal Year 2020 supplemental appropriation of \$250,000 to Rutgers University - New Brunswick for School of Dental Medicine - Special Care Treatment Center.

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