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[FIRST REPRINT]
ASSEMBLY, No. 2293

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED NOVEMBER 14, 1994

By Assemblymen BAGGER, CHARLES,
Assemblywoman Murphy, Assemblymen Augustine,
Felice, Kavanaugh, Doria, Bateman, Warsh and Green

1 AN ACT providing for the issuance of Olympic license plates and
2 supplementing chapter 3 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
5 *State of New Jersey:*

6 1. As used in this act:

7 "Director" means the Director of the Division of Motor
8 Vehicles in the Department of Law and Public Safety;

9 "Division" means the Division of Motor Vehicles in the
10 Department of Law and Public Safety;

11 "Fund" means the fund created pursuant to section 4 of this
12 act.

13 2. The director shall, upon proper application therefor, issue
14 United States Olympic license plates, for any motor vehicle
15 owned or leased and registered in the State. In addition to the
16 registration number and other markings or identification
17 otherwise prescribed by law, a United States Olympic license
18 plate shall display the official United States Olympic Committee
19 logo and wording which indicates support for the advancement of
20 excellence in amateur athletic competition in this State. The
21 wording, design and color scheme of the plate shall be chosen by
22 the director.

23 3. Application for issuance of a United States Olympic license
24 plate shall be made to the division on forms and in a manner as
25 may be prescribed by the director. In order to be deemed
26 complete, an application shall be accompanied by a fee of \$50, in
27 addition to any other fees required by law for the registration of
28 the motor vehicle.

29 An annual fee of \$10 shall be charged for the renewal of a
30 United States Olympic license plate in addition to any other fees
31 required by law. Applicants for a United States Olympic license
32 plate shall be advised of the annual \$10 renewal fee at the time
33 of initial application.

34 4. There is created in the Department of the Treasury a
35 special non-lapsing fund to be known as the "Garden State Games
36 Trust Fund." There shall be deposited in the fund the \$50
37 application fee and the \$10 renewal fee collected pursuant to
38 section 3 of this act. Moneys deposited in the fund shall be
39 dedicated to the purposes set forth in section 5 of this act.
40 Moneys deposited in the fund shall be held in interest-bearing
41 accounts in public depositories as defined pursuant to section 1 of
42 P.L.1970, c.236 (C.17:9-41), and may be invested or reinvested in

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:
1 Assembly AJL committee amendments adopted January 19, 1995.

1 such securities as are approved by the State Treasurer. Interest
2 or other income earned on moneys deposited into the fund, and
3 any moneys which may be appropriated or otherwise become
4 available for the purposes of the fund, shall be credited to and
5 deposited in the fund for use as set forth in this act.

6 5. Moneys deposited in the fund shall be allocated as follows:

7 a. ¹[a. An amount not to exceed 20 percent of the moneys
8 deposited in the fund shall be available to the division to defray
9 the reasonable and actual costs of designing, producing, issuing
10 and publicizing the availability of United States Olympic license
11 plates.] Prior to the deposit of license plate fees collected
12 pursuant to section 4 of this act into the fund, the division shall
13 be reimbursed for all costs reasonably and actually incurred as
14 stipulated by the director for:

15 (1) producing, issuing, renewing and publicizing the availability
16 of United States Olympic license plates; and

17 (2) any initial fees collected from the issuance of United
18 States Olympic license plates shall be allocated to the division to
19 pay the cost of any computer programming changes that may be
20 necessary to implement the United States Olympic license plate
21 program established by this act.¹

22 b. ¹The director shall annually certify the average cost per
23 license plate incurred in the immediately preceding year by the
24 division in producing, issuing, renewing and publicizing the
25 availability of United States Olympic license plates. The annual
26 certification of the average cost per license plate shall be
27 approved by the Joint Budget Oversight Committee, or its
28 successor.

29 c. In the event that the average cost per license plate as
30 certified by the director and approved by the Joint Budget
31 Oversight Committee, or its successor, is greater than the \$50
32 application fee established in section 3 of this act in two
33 consecutive fiscal years, the director may discontinue the
34 issuance of United States Olympic license plates.

35 d.¹ The moneys remaining in the fund shall be provided in
36 equal amounts to the Garden State Games, for New Jersey's
37 sports festival for amateur athletes, and the United States
38 Olympic Committee.

39 6. The director shall notify eligible motorists of the
40 opportunity to obtain United States Olympic license plates by
41 including a notice with all motor vehicle registration renewals,
42 and by posting appropriate posters or signs in all division
43 facilities and offices.

44 7. This act shall take effect ¹[immediately] on the 180th day
45 after enactment, but the State Treasurer and the Director of the
46 Division of Motor Vehicles may take such anticipatory acts in
47 advance of the date as may be necessary for the timely
48 implementation of this act¹.

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22 STATEMENT

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25 issue special license plates bearing the United States Olympic
26 Committee logo and expressing support for amateur athletic
27 competition. The Director of the DMV would select the wording,
28 design and color of the license plate. A \$50 fee would be charged
29 for the issuance of the plates and a \$10 fee for their renewal, in
30 addition to any other registration fees required by law.

31 The fees collected would be deposited into a special nonlapsing
32 Garden State Games Trust Fund created by the bill. Up to 20
33 percent of the moneys in the fund would be available to DMV to
34 defray the costs of designing, producing, issuing and publicizing
35 the availability of the United States Olympic license plates. The
36 remainder of the funds would be divided between the Garden
37 State Games and the United States Olympic Committee.

38 The Garden State Games, a private non-profit corporation,
39 hosts an Olympic-style sports festival open to New Jersey
40 amateur athletes of all ages and skill levels. Since its inception
41 in 1983, the Garden State Games has had over 100,000 athletes
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43 each of the State's 21 counties. The Garden State Games also
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ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY, LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2293

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 19, 1995

The Assembly Judiciary, Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 2293.

This bill authorizes the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to issue special license plates bearing the United States Olympic Committee logo and expressing support for amateur athletic competition. The Director of the DMV would select the wording, design and color of the license plate. A \$50 fee would be charged for the issuance of the plates and a \$10 fee for their renewal, in addition to any other registration fees required by law.

The fees collected would be deposited into a special nonlapsing Garden State Games Trust Fund created by section 4 of the bill. Moneys in the fund would be divided between the Garden State Games and the United States Olympic Committee.

The committee amended the bill to clarify that the division, prior to deposit of the license plate fees in the fund, would be reimbursed for costs incurred for producing, issuing, renewing and publicizing the availability of the plates and for computer programming costs. The bill also provides that the annual certification by the director of the costs incurred for the plates would be approved by the Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its successor. In the event that the cost as certified and approved is greater than the \$50.00 application fee, the director would be authorized to discontinue the issuance of the plates.

The Garden State Games, a private non-profit corporation, hosts an Olympic-style sports festival open to New Jersey amateur athletes of all ages and skill levels. Since its inception in 1983, the Garden State Games has had over 100,000 athletes participate in its many competitive sports programs. The Garden State Games also conducts the Winter Games, the New Jersey Senior Games and other athletic events for New Jersey residents.

The committee also amended the effective date to delay it until the 180th day after enactment but provided that the State Treasurer and the Director of DMV could take such anticipatory acts in advance of the date as may be necessary.

SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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ASSEMBLY, No. 2293

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 1, 1995

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The fees collected would be deposited into a special nonlapsing Garden State Games Trust Fund created by section 4 of the bill. Moneys in the fund would be divided between the Garden State Games and the United States Olympic Committee. Prior to deposit of the license plate fees in the fund, the DMV would be reimbursed for costs incurred for producing, issuing, renewing and publicizing the availability of the plates and for computer programming costs.

The bill also provides that the director's annual certification of the costs incurred for the plates must be approved by the Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its successor. In the event that the cost as certified and approved is greater than the \$50 application fee, the director would be authorized to discontinue the issuance of the plates.

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