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ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
ASSEMBLY, No. 1903

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ADOPTED FEBRUARY 23, 1995

Sponsored by Assemblywoman OGDEN, Assemblymen SOLOMON,
Corodemus, Assemblywoman Wright
and Assemblyman Imprieveduto

1 AN ACT providing for the issuance of certain license plates for
2 the purpose of assisting in the support and funding of historic
3 preservation projects, and supplementing chapter 3 of Title 39
4 of the Revised Statutes.

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6 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
7 *State of New Jersey:*

8 1. As used in this act:

9 "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Environmental
10 Protection;

11 "Department" means the Department of Environmental
12 Protection;

13 "Director" means the Director of the Division of Motor
14 Vehicles in the Department of Law and Public Safety;

15 "Division" means the Division of Motor Vehicles in the
16 Department of Law and Public Safety;

17 "Fund" means the "Historic Preservation License Plate Fund"
18 created pursuant to section 4 of this act.

19 "Historic resources" means the historic resources in New
20 Jersey, and shall include, but need not necessarily be limited to,
21 buildings, sites, and structures listed in or eligible for listing in
22 the New Jersey Register of Historic Places, and museums and
23 library collections related to New Jersey history.

24 2. The Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles shall, upon
25 proper application therefor, issue historic preservation license
26 plates for any motor vehicle owned or leased and registered in
27 the State. In addition to the registration number and other
28 markings or identification otherwise prescribed by law, an
29 historic preservation license plate shall display words or a slogan
30 and an emblem indicating support for, or an interest in, historic
31 preservation. The words or slogan and emblem shall be chosen by
32 the director in consultation with the Historic Preservation
33 License Plate Advisory Committee established pursuant to
34 subsection a. of section 4 of this act; however, the director shall
35 solicit, in conjunction with the Legislature, input from the
36 general public on the design of the plate and shall review the
37 submissions prior to choosing the design. Issuance of historic
38 preservation license plates in accordance with this section shall
39 be subject to the provisions of chapter 3 of Title 39 of the
40 Revised Statutes, except as hereinafter otherwise specifically
41 provided.

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 AAP committee amendments adopted June 1, 1995.

1 3. a. Application for issuance of an historic preservation
2 license plate shall be made to the division on forms and in a
3 manner as may be prescribed by the director. In order to be
4 deemed complete, an application shall be accompanied by a fee
5 of \$50 payable to the division, which fee shall be in addition to all
6 fees otherwise required by law for the registration of the motor
7 vehicle.

8 b. The annual fee for the registration certificate of a motor
9 vehicle that has been issued an historic preservation license plate
10 pursuant to the provisions of this act shall include in each year
11 subsequent to the year of issuance a fee in the amount of \$10,
12 which fee shall be in addition to all fees otherwise required by
13 law for the renewal of the registration of the motor vehicle and
14 shall be collected by the division and deposited in the Historic
15 Preservation License Plate Fund created pursuant to section 4 of
16 this act.

17 4. a. There is created in the Department of Environmental
18 Protection a special non-lapsing fund to be known as the
19 "Historic Preservation License Plate Fund." The fund shall be
20 administered by the New Jersey Historic Trust. There shall be
21 deposited in the fund the amount collected from all license plate
22 fees collected pursuant to section 3 of this act, less the amounts
23 necessary to reimburse the division for administrative costs
24 pursuant to section 5 of this act. Monies deposited in the fund
25 shall be dedicated for use in the awarding of grants to State
26 agencies, local government units, and qualifying tax-exempt
27 nonprofit organizations to meet costs related to the physical
28 preservation of, development of interpretive and educational
29 programming for, or operation of New Jersey's historic
30 resources. Approval of any grants shall be made by the "Historic
31 Preservation License Plate Advisory Committee," which shall be
32 established in the Department of Environmental Protection and
33 shall comprise the following: the Chairman of the Board of
34 Trustees of the New Jersey Historic Trust, and two other trustees
35 thereof, one of whom shall be the Executive Director of the New
36 Jersey Historical Commission; a representative of Preservation
37 New Jersey; a representative of the New Jersey Association of
38 Museums; a representative of the League of Historical Societies
39 of New Jersey; a representative of the New Jersey Council for
40 the Social Studies; ¹a representative of the New Jersey Council
41 on the Humanities;¹ and the Administrator of the Historic
42 Preservation Office in the Department of Environmental
43 Protection.

44 b. Monies deposited in the fund shall be held in
45 interest-bearing accounts in public depositories as defined
46 pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1970, c.236 (C.17:9-41), and may be
47 invested or reinvested in such securities as are approved by the
48 State Treasurer. Interest or other income earned on monies
49 deposited in the fund, and any monies which may be appropriated
50 or otherwise become available for the purposes of the fund, shall
51 be credited to and deposited in the fund for use as set forth in
52 this act.

53 5. a. Prior to the deposit of license plate fees collected
54 pursuant to section 3 of this act into the fund, amounts thereof as

1 are necessary shall be used to reimburse the division for all costs
2 reasonably and actually incurred, as stipulated by the director,
3 for:

4 (1) producing, issuing, renewing, and publicizing the availability
5 of historic preservation license plates; and

6 (2) any initial computer programming changes that may be
7 necessary to implement the historic preservation license plate
8 program established by this act.

9 b. The director shall annually certify to the commissioner the
10 average cost per license plate incurred in the immediately
11 preceding year by the division in producing, issuing, renewing, and
12 publicizing the availability of historic preservation license
13 plates. The annual certification of the average cost per license
14 plate shall be approved by the Joint Budget Oversight
15 Committee, or its successor.

16 c. In the event that the average cost per license plate as
17 certified by the director and approved by the Joint Budget
18 Oversight Committee, or its successor, is greater than the \$50
19 application fee established in subsection a. of section 3 of this
20 act in two consecutive fiscal years, the director may discontinue
21 the issuance of historic preservation license plates.

22 6. The director shall notify eligible motorists of the
23 opportunity to obtain historic preservation license plates by
24 including a notice with all motor vehicle registration renewals,
25 and by posting appropriate posters or signs in all division
26 facilities and offices, as may be provided by the department. The
27 notices, posters, and signs shall be designed by the Historic
28 Preservation License Plate Advisory Committee with the
29 approval of the commissioner. The designs shall be subject to the
30 approval of the director, and the commissioner shall supply the
31 division with the notices, posters, and signs to be circulated or
32 posted by that division.

33 7 The commissioner, the New Jersey Historic Trust, the
34 Historic Preservation License Plate Advisory Committee, the
35 director, and the State Treasurer shall develop and enter into an
36 interagency memorandum of agreement setting forth the
37 procedures to be followed by the departments, the New Jersey
38 Historic Trust, the Historic Preservation License Plate Advisory
39 Committee, and the division in carrying out their respective
40 responsibilities under this act.

41 8. This act shall take effect on the 180th day after enactment,
42 but the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, the New
43 Jersey Historic Trust, the Historic Preservation License Plate
44 Advisory Committee, the State Treasurer, and the Director of
45 the Division of Motor Vehicles may take such anticipatory acts in
46 advance of that date as may be necessary for the timely
47 implementation of this act upon the effective date thereof.

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52 Establishes historic preservation license plate; dedicates fees
53 therefrom to support historic preservation projects.

1 license plates. The State Treasurer shall quarterly transfer a sum
2 equal to the division's cost of producing and issuing historic site
3 preservation license plates from the Historic Site Preservation
4 Fund to the division.

5 3. This act shall take effect on the 180th day after enactment.
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8 STATEMENT
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10 This bill establishes a special historic site license plate, with
11 proceeds dedicated to the preservation of historic sites. The
12 plate would bear words and an emblem designed by the Director
13 of the Division of Motor Vehicles in consultation with the New
14 Jersey Historic Trust. Motor vehicle owners and lessees would be
15 able to obtain the plate for an initial fee of \$50 and an annual \$10
16 renewal fee, in addition to the registration fees otherwise
17 prescribed by law.

18 The additional fees would be deposited in the Historic Site
19 Preservation Fund, created by the bill, and used exclusively for
20 license plate costs and historic site preservation projects upon
21 the approval of the New Jersey Historic Trust in the Department
22 of Environmental Protection.
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27 Establishes special license plate to aid historic site preservation.

ASSEMBLY ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

ASSEMBLY, No. 1903

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 23, 1995

The Assembly Environment and Energy Committee favorably reports an Assembly committee substitute for Assembly Bill No. 1903.

The committee substitute would direct the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to establish a special historic preservation license plate program. The special plates would contain markings or identification expressing the vehicle owner's support for, or interest in, historic preservation. The Director of the DMV, in consultation with the Historic Preservation License Plate Advisory Committee established by the bill, would select the design of the license plate, after soliciting, in conjunction with the Legislature, input from the general public and reviewing those submissions. A \$50 fee would be charged for the issuance of the plates, and an additional \$10 fee would be collected for each annual renewal.

The committee substitute would create in the Department of Environmental Protection a special non-lapsing "Historic Preservation License Plate Fund, which would be administered by the New Jersey Historic Trust. All license plate fees collected pursuant to the committee substitute, less the amounts necessary to reimburse the DMV for administrative costs as provided in the committee substitute, would be deposited in the fund. Monies deposited in the fund would be dedicated for use in the awarding of grants to State agencies, local government units, and qualifying tax-exempt nonprofit organizations to meet costs related to the physical preservation of, development of interpretive and educational programming for, or operation of New Jersey's historic resources. Approval of any grants would be made by the "Historic Preservation License Plate Advisory Committee," which would be established in the Department of Environmental Protection and would comprise the following: the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the New Jersey Historic Trust, and two other trustees thereof, one of whom would be the Executive Director of the New Jersey Historical Commission; a representative of Preservation New Jersey; a representative of the New Jersey Association of Museums; a representative of the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey; a representative of the New Jersey Council for the Social Studies; and the Administrator of the Historic Preservation Office in the Department of Environmental Protection. Interest or other income earned on monies deposited in the fund, and any monies that may be appropriated or otherwise become available for the purposes of the fund, would be credited to and deposited in the fund.

Costs incurred by the DMV in producing, issuing, renewing, and publicizing historic preservation license plates, as annually certified by the DMV director, would be reimbursed from the fees collected. The DMV would also be authorized to use a portion of the fees collected to pay for the cost of any computer programming changes that may be necessary to implement the license plate program.

The committee substitute would direct the DMV to include in all mailings of motor vehicle registration renewals a notice of the availability of historic preservation license plates.

The committee substitute would require the Joint Budget Oversight Committee to approve the DMV's annual certification of the average cost to produce, issue, renew, and publicize the availability of a license plate. If the average annual cost exceeds \$50 for two consecutive fiscal years, the division would be authorized to discontinue the issuance of these license plates.

ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
ASSEMBLY, No. 1903

with Assembly committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 1, 1995

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1903 (Acs), with committee amendments.

Assembly Bill No. 1903 (Acs), as amended, would direct the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to establish a special historic preservation license plate program. The special plates would contain markings or identification expressing the vehicle owner's support for, or interest in, historic preservation. The Director of the DMV, in consultation with the Historic Preservation License Plate Advisory Committee established by the bill, would select the design of the license plate, after soliciting, in conjunction with the Legislature, input from the general public and reviewing those submissions. A \$50 fee would be charged for the issuance of the plates, and an additional \$10 fee would be collected for each annual renewal.

The Legislation would create in the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) a special non-lapsing "Historic Preservation License Plate Fund, which would be administered by the New Jersey Historic Trust. All license plate fees collected pursuant to the legislation, less the amounts necessary to reimburse the DMV for administrative costs, would be deposited in the fund. Monies deposited in the fund would be dedicated for use in the awarding of grants to State agencies, local government units, and qualifying tax-exempt nonprofit organizations to meet costs related to the physical preservation of, development of interpretive and educational programming for, or operation of New Jersey's historic resources. Approval of any grants would be made by the "Historic Preservation License Plate Advisory Committee," which would be established in the Department of Environmental Protection and would comprise the following: the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the New Jersey Historic Trust, and two other trustees thereof, one of whom would be the Executive Director of the New Jersey Historical Commission; a representative of Preservation New Jersey; a representative of the New Jersey Association of Museums; a representative of the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey; a representative of the New Jersey Council for the Social Studies; the Administrator of the Historic Preservation Office in the Department of Environmental Protection and a representative from the New Jersey Council on the Humanities.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Based on information from the DMV, revenue from the plates would be approximately \$200,000 in the first year, \$140,000 and \$160,000 in the second and third years, respectively. The revenue would offset DMV costs for net amounts of \$127,520, \$124,260 and

\$144,260 in the first three years. This is based on 4,000 motorists initially ordering the plates, and then 2,000 new plates in the second and third years, with everyone renewing annually.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The amendments add a representative from the New Jersey Council on the Humanities to this license plate advisory committee.

SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES, TRADE AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[FIRST REPRINT]

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

ASSEMBLY, No. 1903

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 19, 1995

The Senate Natural Resources, Trade and Economic Development Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 1903 (ACS) (1R).

This bill would direct the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to establish a special historic preservation license plate program. The special plates would contain markings or identification expressing the vehicle owner's support for, or interest in, historic preservation. The Director of the DMV, in consultation with the Historic Preservation License Plate Advisory Committee established by the bill, would select the design of the license plate, after soliciting, in conjunction with the Legislature, input from the general public and reviewing those submissions. A \$50 fee would be charged for the issuance of the plates, and an additional \$10 fee would be collected for each annual renewal.

The legislation would create in the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) a special non-lapsing "Historic Preservation License Plate Fund, which would be administered by the New Jersey Historic Trust. All license plate fees collected pursuant to the legislation, less the amounts necessary to reimburse the DMV for administrative costs, would be deposited in the fund. Monies deposited in the fund would be dedicated for use in the awarding of grants to State agencies, local government units, and qualifying tax-exempt nonprofit organizations to meet costs related to the physical preservation of, development of interpretive and educational programming for, or operation of New Jersey's historic resources.

Approval of any grants would be made by the "Historic Preservation License Plate Advisory Committee," which would be established in the Department of Environmental Protection and would comprise the following: the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the New Jersey Historic Trust, and two other trustees thereof, one of whom would be the Executive Director of the New Jersey Historical Commission; a representative of Preservation New Jersey; a representative of the New Jersey Association of Museums; a representative of the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey; a representative of the New Jersey Council for the Social Studies; the Administrator of the Historic Preservation Office in the Department of Environmental Protection and a representative from the New Jersey Council on the Humanities. Assembly Bill No. 1903 (ACS) (1R) is identical to Senate Bill No. 2071, as that bill was amended by the committee.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

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ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

ASSEMBLY, No. 1903

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 27, 1995

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1903 ACS [1R].

Assembly Bill No. 1903 ACS [1R] permits the issuance of special historic preservation license plates by the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) in the Department of Transportation. The initial charge for the new license plate would be \$50, with an annual renewal fee of \$10. These fees would be in addition to all other motor vehicle fees otherwise required by law.

Fee revenues will be deposited into a non-lapsing "Historic Preservation License Plate Fund," created by the bill. The fund will be administered by the New Jersey Historic Trust and dedicated for grants to State agencies, local government units, and qualifying tax-exempt nonprofit organizations to meet costs related to the preservation and operation of New Jersey's historic resources. The DMV will be reimbursed from the revenues generated by the sale of the special historic preservation license plates for costs incurred in producing, issuing, renewing and publicizing the plates, as well as for initial computer programming changes needed.

The DMV currently issues special fundraising license plates for animal welfare, shore protection, wildlife conservation and the Battleship U.S.S. New Jersey.

The New Jersey Historic Trust supports this bill.

As reported, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 2071 [1R] of 1995 (Kyrillos).

FISCAL IMPACT

In a legislative fiscal estimate prepared on an identical Senate bill by the Office of Legislative Services on November 13, 1995, it was estimated that the enactment of this bill will result in gross annual revenues of \$200,000 in the first year following enactment and \$140,000 and \$160,000 in the next two years, respectively. The revenues would offset DMV's costs and produce net surpluses of \$136,920, \$124,260 and \$144,260 in the first three years, respectively, for deposit in the Historic Preservation License Plate Fund.

The Division of Motor Vehicles estimates the cost to implement this bill at \$63,080 in the first year following enactment and \$15,740 in the second and third year following enactment.

According to the DMV, 4,000 animal welfare license plates were sold in the first year after enactment of the law permitting their issuance and approximately 2,000 are expected to be sold in the second year. Therefore, it is estimated that approximately the same number of motorists would apply for historic preservation license plates in the first year, that 2,000 additional plates would be sold in each of the second and third years after enactment, and that all plate holders will renew their plates.