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(License plates--Special--Emergency  
 Medical Technician)

**NJSA:** 39:3-27.59

**LAWS OF:** 1994 **CHAPTER:** 29

**BILL NO:** A643

**SPONSOR(S):** Geist

**DATE INTRODUCED:** Pre-filed

**COMMITTEE:** **ASSEMBLY:** Judiciary, Law & Public Safety  
**SENATE:** Law & Public Safety

**AMENDED DURING PASSAGE:** Yes Amendments during passage  
 denoted by superscript numbers

**DATE OF PASSAGE:** **ASSEMBLY:** January 27, 1994  
**SENATE:** March 15, 1994

**DATE OF APPROVAL:** May 12, 1994

**FOLLOWING STATEMENTS ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:**

**SPONSOR STATEMENT:** Yes

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:** **ASSEMBLY:** Yes  
**SENATE:** Yes

**FISCAL NOTE:** Yes

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**MESSAGE ON SIGNING:** No

**FOLLOWING WERE PRINTED:**

**REPORTS:** No

**HEARINGS:** No

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1994 SESSION

By Assemblyman GEIST

1 AN ACT concerning special motor vehicle registration plates for  
2 emergency medical technicians-ambulance 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  
6 State of New Jersey:

7 1. a. Upon application by a person who has been certified by  
8 the Commissioner of Health as an Emergency Medical  
9 Technician-Ambulance, the Director of the Division of Motor  
10 Vehicles shall issue for the motor vehicle owned or leased by the  
11 applicant special vehicle registration plates bearing the letters  
12 "EMT-A." The plates shall also include the vehicle registration  
13 number and other markings or identification prescribed by law <sup>1</sup>,  
14 including the "Tree of Life" insignia for an Emergency Medical  
15 Technician-Ambulance in a design approved by the director<sup>1</sup>.  
16 Only one set of special registration plates shall be issued to an  
17 applicant. The special plates shall be displayed only on the  
18 vehicle for which they were issued.

19 b. The special vehicle registration plates authorized by this  
20 section shall be issued upon proof satisfactory to the director  
21 that the applicant meets the condition specified in subsection a.  
22 of this section. <sup>2</sup>A person who has been issued special vehicle  
23 registration plates under this section shall return the special  
24 plates when that person no longer meets the qualification in  
25 subsection a. of this section.<sup>2</sup>

26 c. The fee for the motor vehicle registration plates issued  
27 under this section shall be \$25, in addition to the fees otherwise  
28 prescribed by law for the registration of motor vehicles.

29 d. A person who violates a provision of this section shall be  
30 fined \$50.

31 e. The director <sup>2</sup>[shall] may<sup>2</sup> adopt rules and regulations  
32 pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410  
33 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), governing the issuance and use of the  
34 special vehicle registration plates authorized by this section  
35 <sup>2</sup>[and providing for their return when the applicant no longer  
36 meets the qualification in subsection a. of this section]<sup>2</sup>.

37 <sup>2</sup>2. The director shall retain from the fees collected pursuant  
38 to subsection c. of section 1 of this act such sums as are  
39 necessary to provide for all costs incurred by the division in the  
40 implementation of this act as certified by the director.<sup>2</sup>

41 <sup>2</sup>[2.] <sup>3</sup>3.<sup>2</sup> This act shall take effect on the first day of the  
42 fourth month after enactment.

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:

<sup>1</sup> Assembly AJL committee amendments adopted January 20, 1994.

<sup>2</sup> Senate SLP committee amendments adopted February 24, 1994.

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3 Authorizes special license plates for emergency medical  
4 technicians-ambulance.

ASSEMBLY, No. 643

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel

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29 registration plates authorized by this section and providing for  
30 their return when the applicant no longer meets the qualification  
31 in subsection a. of this section.

32 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the fourth  
33 month after enactment.

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STATEMENT

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38 This bill authorizes the Director of the Division of Motor  
39 Vehicles to issue special motor vehicle registration plates to any  
40 person certified by the Commissioner of Health as an Emergency  
41 Medical Technician-Ambulance. The plates would bear the  
42 letters "EMT-A" and would also include the vehicle registration  
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ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY, LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 643**

with committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JANUARY 20, 1994

The Assembly Judiciary, Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 643.

This bill authorizes the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles to issue special motor vehicle registration plates to any person certified by the Commissioner of Health as an Emergency Medical Technician-Ambulance. The plates would bear the letters "EMT-A" and would also include the vehicle registration number and other markings or identification prescribed by law. The fee for the special plates would be \$25, in addition to the fees otherwise prescribed by law for the registration of motor vehicles.

The committee amendments clarify that the special plates shall include an insignia and shall be in a design approved by the director.

This bill was prefiled for introduction in the 1994 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review which has been performed.

SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[FIRST REPRINT]

**ASSEMBLY, No. 643**

with committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: FEBRUARY 24, 1994

The Senate Law and Public Safety Committee favorably reports with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 643 (1R).

This bill authorizes the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles to issue special motor vehicle registration plates bearing the letters "EMT-A" to any person certified by the Commissioner of Health as an Emergency Medical Technician-Ambulance. The plates also would include the vehicle registration number and other markings or identification prescribed by law including the "Tree of Life" insignia in a design approved by the director. The fee for the special plates would be \$25, in addition to the fees otherwise prescribed by law for the registration of motor vehicles.

Pursuant to amendments adopted by the committee, the director would retain a portion of the fees collected under the bill sufficient to provide for the division's costs for the bill's implementation. The amendments also give the director the discretion to adopt rules and regulations rather than mandating their adoption. The amendments also provide that the special plates be returned if the person no longer meets the bill's qualifications.

As amended and released by the committee, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 528 which also was amended and released by the committee on this date.

FISCAL NOTE TO  
[FIRST REPRINT]  
ASSEMBLY, No. 643  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: April 5, 1994

Assembly Bill No. 643 (1R) of 1994 authorizes the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) in the Department of Law and Public Safety to issue special motor vehicle registration plates to any person certified by the Commissioner of Health as an Emergency Medical Technician-Ambulance. The fee for the special plates would be \$25 in addition to the fees otherwise prescribed by law for the registration of motor vehicles.

Information provided by DMV in response to a similar bill in the last legislative session places the cost of implementation at \$92,085 in the first year after enactment. Of this amount, \$1,100 would be for one-time die costs. According to DMV, the remaining \$90,985 represents funding for the following operational costs: \$39,942 for salaries for two personnel, \$11,443 for fringe benefits, and \$39,600 for materials and supplies. Assuming a 5 percent annual increase for salaries and fringe benefits, DMV estimates second and third year costs at \$93,555 and \$96,252, respectively.

DMV estimates revenues from licensing fees at \$150,000 annually. These revenues would offset DMV's costs and produce net surpluses of \$57,915, \$56,445 and \$53,748, respectively. In its cost and revenue estimates, DMV assumes that 6,000 motorists would apply for the plates annually.

The Office of Legislative Services concurs.

This fiscal note has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67.