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("Wildlife Conservationist"--  
license plate)

**NJSA:** 39:3-33.10

**LAWS OF:** 1993 **CHAPTER:** 119

**BILL NO:** A462

**SPONSOR(S)** Garrett and Kamin

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**SENATE:** Law and Public Safety

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1992 SESSION

By Assemblymen GARRETT and KAMIN

1 AN ACT <sup>1</sup>[establishing "Wildlife Conservationist"] providing for  
2 the issuance of wildlife conservation<sup>1</sup> license plates <sup>1</sup>for the  
3 purpose of supporting wildlife conservation,<sup>1</sup> and  
4 supplementing chapter 3 of Title 39 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. <sup>1</sup>[Upon the application of any person, the] a. The<sup>1</sup> Director  
9 of the Division of Motor Vehicles may issue for a motor vehicle  
10 owned or leased <sup>1</sup>[by such person special] and registered in the  
11 State, wildlife conservation<sup>1</sup> license plates bearing, in addition to  
12 the registration number and other markings or identification  
13 otherwise prescribed by law, <sup>1</sup>[the]<sup>1</sup> words <sup>1</sup>["Wildlife  
14 Conservationist"] or a slogan<sup>1</sup> and an emblem <sup>1,1</sup> to be designed  
15 by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection and approved  
16 by the <sup>1</sup>[director] Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles,  
17 indicating support for, or an interest in, wildlife conservation.  
18 Issuance of wildlife conservation license plates in accordance  
19 with this subsection shall be subject to the limitations of section  
20 3 of P.L.1959, c.56 (C.39:3-33.5), and such other applicable  
21 requirements of chapter 3 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes,  
22 except as hereinafter otherwise specifically provided<sup>1</sup>.

23 <sup>1</sup>[The director shall collect a \$25 fee for the plate in addition  
24 to the fees otherwise prescribed by law for the registration of the  
25 motor vehicle. This additional fee shall be deposited into the  
26 "Endangered and Nongame Species of Wildlife Conservation  
27 Fund," established pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1981, c.170  
28 (C.54A:9-25.2).]

29 b. Application for issuance of a wildlife conservation license  
30 plate shall be made to the Director of the Division of Fish, Game  
31 and Wildlife, for transmittal to the Division of Motor Vehicles in  
32 such manner and in accordance with such procedures as shall be  
33 stipulated in an interagency memorandum of agreement entered  
34 into pursuant to subsection e. of this section. Applications shall  
35 be made on such forms and in such manner as may be prescribed  
36 by the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles. In order to be  
37 deemed complete, an application shall be accompanied by a fee  
38 of \$50, payable to the Director of the Division of Fish, Game and  
39 Wildlife. <sup>2</sup>The \$50 fee for a wildlife conservation license plate  
40 shall be in addition to the fees otherwise prescribed by law for

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 AEN committee amendments adopted March 2, 1992.

<sup>2</sup> Assembly floor amendments adopted November 30, 1992.

1 the registration of motor vehicles.<sup>2</sup> Monies collected from the  
2 fees for wildlife conservation license plates shall be deposited  
3 into a non-lapsing, interest-bearing "Wildlife Conservation  
4 Fund," which is herewith established in the Division of Fish,  
5 Game and Wildlife. Interest or other income earned on monies  
6 deposited into the Wildlife Conservation Fund shall be credited to  
7 the fund for use as set forth in this act for other monies in the  
8 fund.

9 c. Monies in the Wildlife Conservation Fund shall be utilized  
10 by the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife: (1) to reimburse the  
11 Division of Motor Vehicles for all costs incurred by that division,  
12 as stipulated by the director of that division, in producing,  
13 issuing, and publicizing the availability of wildlife conservation  
14 license plates; and (2) for endangered and nongame species  
15 conservation, including effectuating the purposes of "The  
16 Endangered and Nongame Species Conservation Act," P.L.1973,  
17 c.309 (C.23:2A-1 et seq.). The Director of the Division of Motor  
18 Vehicles shall annually certify to the Director of the Division of  
19 Fish, Game and Wildlife the average cost per license plate  
20 incurred in the immediately preceding year by the Division of  
21 Motor Vehicles in producing, issuing, and publicizing the  
22 availability of wildlife conservation license plates. A sum in the  
23 amount of the certified average cost shall accompany each  
24 application at the time of transmittal thereof to that division by  
25 the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife.

26 d. The Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles shall notify  
27 eligible motorists of the opportunity to obtain wildlife  
28 conservation license plates by including a notice with all motor  
29 vehicle registration renewals, and by posting appropriate posters  
30 or signs in all division facilities and offices, as may be provided  
31 by the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife. The notices, posters,  
32 and signs shall be designed by the Commissioner of Environmental  
33 Protection. The designs shall be subject to the approval of the  
34 Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles, and the Director of  
35 the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife shall supply the Division  
36 of Motor Vehicles with the notices, posters, and signs to be  
37 circulated or posted by that division.

38 e. The directors of the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife and  
39 the Division of Motor Vehicles shall develop and enter into an  
40 interagency memorandum of agreement setting forth the  
41 procedures to be followed by the two divisions in carrying out  
42 their respective responsibilities under this act.<sup>1</sup>

43 2. This act shall take effect on the 180th day after enactment.

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48 Establishes wildlife conservation license plate; dedicates fees for  
49 wildlife conservation and plate costs.

ASSEMBLY, No. 462

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1992 SESSION

By Assemblymen GARRETT and KAMIN

1 AN ACT establishing "Wildlife Conservationist" license plates  
2 and supplementing chapter 3 of Title 39 of the Revised  
3 Statutes.

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

7 1. Upon the application of any person, the Director of the  
8 Division of Motor Vehicles may issue for a motor vehicle owned  
9 or leased by such person special license plates bearing, in addition  
10 to the registration number and other markings or identification  
11 otherwise prescribed by law, the words "Wildlife Conservationist"  
12 and an emblem to be designed by the Commissioner of  
13 Environmental Protection and approved by the director.

14 The director shall collect annually a \$25 fee for the plate in  
15 addition to the fees otherwise prescribed by law for the  
16 registration of the motor vehicle. This additional fee shall be  
17 deposited into the "Endangered and Nongame Species of Wildlife  
18 Conservation Fund," established pursuant to section 1 of  
19 P.L.1981, c.170 (C.54A:9-25.2).

20 2. This act shall take effect on the 180th day after enactment.

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STATEMENT

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25 This bill establishes a special license plate bearing the words  
26 "Wildlife Conservationist" and an emblem designed by the  
27 Commissioner of Environmental Protection. Under this bill,  
28 motor vehicle owners and lessees would be able to obtain the  
29 plate for an annual fee of \$25 in addition to the registration fees  
30 otherwise prescribed by law. This additional fee would be  
31 deposited in the "Endangered and Nongame Species of Wildlife  
32 Conservation Fund" for the purpose of protecting endangered and  
33 nongame wildlife.

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38 Establishes "Wildlife Conservationist" license plate; dedicates  
39 fee for wildlife conservation.

ASSEMBLY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 462

with Assembly committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 2, 1992

The Assembly Environment Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 462 with Assembly committee amendments.

As introduced, this bill provides that, upon application of any person, the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles may issue for a motor vehicle owned or leased by such person special license plates bearing, in addition to the registration number and other markings or identification otherwise prescribed by law, the words "Wildlife Conservationist" and an emblem to be designed by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection and approved by the director.

Under the bill as introduced, the annual fee for the plates would be \$25, which would be in addition to registration fees otherwise prescribed by law. This additional fee would be deposited in the "Endangered and Nongame Species of Wildlife Conservation Fund" for the purpose of protecting endangered and nongame wildlife.

As amended by the committee, this bill would provide that the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles may issue for a motor vehicle owned or leased and registered in the State, wildlife conservation license plates bearing, in addition to the registration number and other markings or identification otherwise prescribed by law, words or a slogan and an emblem, to be designed by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection and approved by the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles, indicating support for, or an interest in, wildlife conservation. Applications for wildlife conservation license plates would be made to the Director of the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife, for transmittal to the Division of Motor Vehicles in such manner and in accordance with such procedures as would be stipulated in an interagency memorandum of agreement to be entered into by the two divisions. The fee for the wildlife conservation license plates would be \$50, payable to the Director of the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife.

Under the bill as amended by the committee, monies collected from the fees for wildlife conservation license plates would be deposited into a non-lapsing, interest-bearing "Wildlife Conservation Fund" to be established in the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife. Interest or other income earned on monies deposited into the Wildlife Conservation Fund would be credited to the fund for use as set forth in the bill for other monies in the fund. Monies in the fund would be required to be utilized by the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife: (1) to reimburse the Division of Motor Vehicles for all costs incurred by that division, as stipulated by the director of that division, in producing, issuing, and publicizing the availability of wildlife conservation license plates; and (2) for endangered and nongame species conservation, including

effectuating the purposes of "The Endangered and Nongame Species Conservation Act," P.L.1973, c.309 (C.23:2A-1 et seq.). The Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles would be required to annually certify to the Director of the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife the average cost per license plate incurred in the immediately preceding year by the Division of Motor Vehicles in producing, issuing, and publicizing the availability of wildlife conservation license plates. A sum in the amount of the certified average cost would accompany each application at the time of transmittal thereof to that division by the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife.

Under the bill as amended, the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles would be required to notify eligible motorists of the opportunity to obtain wildlife conservation license plates by including a notice with all motor vehicle registration renewals, and by posting appropriate posters or signs in all division facilities and offices as may be provided by the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife. The notices, posters, and signs would be designed by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 1992-1993 session pending technical review. As reported the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[FIRST REPRINT]

ASSEMBLY, No. 462

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 23, 1992

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 462 (1R).

Assembly Bill No. 462 (1R) authorizes the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to issue special license plates for display on a motor vehicle to indicate the owner or lessee of the vehicle is interested in and supports wildlife conservation. The plates will contain words or a slogan and an emblem designed by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection and approved by the Director of the DMV.

Applications for these wildlife conservation license plates would be made to the Director of the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife (DFGW) and transmitted to the DMV for processing. The fee for the plates would be \$50, payable to the DFGW.

The fees would be deposited into a non-lapsing, interest-bearing "Wildlife Conservation Fund" to be established in the DFGW. Interest or other income earned on monies deposited into the fund would also be credited to the fund. Monies in the fund would be used by the DFGW: (1) to reimburse the DMV for all of its costs incurred in producing, issuing, and publicizing the availability of the plates; and (2) for endangered and nongame species conservation, including effectuating the purposes of "The Endangered and Nongame Species Conservation Act," P.L.1973, c.309 (C.23:2A-1 et seq.). The Director of the DMV would be required to annually certify to the Director of the DFGW the average cost per license plate incurred in the immediately preceding year in producing, issuing, and publicizing the availability the plates.

The Director of the DMV would be required to notify eligible motorists of the opportunity to obtain the plates by including a notice with all motor vehicle registration renewals, and by posting appropriate posters or signs in all division facilities and offices. The notices, posters, and signs would be designed and supplied by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, subject to the approval of the Director of the DMV.

This bill is identical to Senate Bill 964 of 1992.

FISCAL IMPACT:

According to a fiscal note prepared by the Office of Legislative Services (OLS), the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) assumes, in its cost and revenue estimates, that 150,000 motorists would apply for these special license plates annually. Therefore, annual revenue from application fees would be \$7,500,000.

DMV estimates its cost of implementing this bill at \$1,248,027 in the first year after enactment. Of this amount, \$1,100 would be for one-time die costs for the new license plates. The remaining \$1,246,927 represents funding for the following operational costs: \$199,710 for salaries for 10 clerks, \$57,217 for fringe benefits and \$990,000 for the actual plates. Assuming an annual increase of approximately 4 percent for salaries and fringe benefits, DMV estimates second and third year costs at \$1,258,080 and \$1,269,232, respectively.

The annual revenue would offset DMV's costs and produce net surpluses of \$6,251,973, \$6,241,920 and \$6,230,768 in the first three years following the bill's enactment, respectively.

OLS concurs with the DMV estimates. However, OLS notes that Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife (DFGW) would also incur additional costs upon enactment of this bill. In its role as recipient of the applications for this special license plate, DFGW would be responsible for depositing fees and transmitting the applications to DMV. Assuming that these functions could be handled by six clerks, DFGW would incur approximately \$135,083 in additional salary and fringe benefit expense in the first year following the bill's enactment. Adjusting for this additional cost and inflation, the net surpluses for the first three years would be reduced to \$6,116,890, \$6,100,974 and \$6,083,959, respectively.



SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[SECOND REPRINT]

ASSEMBLY, No. 462

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 11, 1993

The Senate Law and Public Safety Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 462 [2R].

This bill authorizes the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to issue wildlife conservation license plates indicating support for, or an interest in, wildlife conservation. The license plates will bear words or a slogan and an emblem designed by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection and approved by the Director of the DMV.

Applications for wildlife conservation license plates would be made to the Director of the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife (DFGW) for transmittal to the DMV pursuant to procedures stipulated to by the two divisions. The fee for the license plates would be \$50, in addition to the other required motor vehicle registration fees, payable to the DFGW.

Fees for the wildlife conservation license plates would be deposited into a non-lapsing, interest-bearing "Wildlife Conservation Fund" to be established in the DFGW. Monies in the fund would be utilized by the DFGW: (1) to reimburse the Division of Motor Vehicles for all costs incurred in producing, issuing, and publicizing the wildlife conservation license plates and (2) for endangered and nongame species conservation, including effectuating the purposes of "The Endangered and Nongame Species Conservation Act," P.L.1973, c.309 (C.23:2A-1 et seq.). The bill also requires the Director of the DMV to annually certify to the Director of the DFGW the average cost per license plate incurred in the immediately preceding year by the DMV in producing, issuing, and publicizing the availability of wildlife conservation license plates. A sum in the amount of the certified average cost would accompany each application transmitted to the DMV by the DFGW.

Under the provisions of the bill, the Director of the DMV would be required to notify eligible motorists of the opportunity to obtain wildlife conservation license plates by including a notice with all motor vehicle registration renewals and by posting appropriate posters or signs in all division facilities and offices. The notices, posters, and signs would be designed by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, subject to the approval of the Director of the DMV.

As released by the committee, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 964 which was also released by the committee on this date.

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FISCAL NOTE TO

[FIRST REPRINT]  
ASSEMBLY, No. 462

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: November 24, 1992

Assembly Bill No. 462 (1R) of 1992 allows the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) in the Department of Law and Public Safety to issue wildlife conservation license plates. The words or slogan and emblem would be designed by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection and approved by the Director of DMV.

Under this bill, motorists could apply to the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife (DFGW) in the Department of Environmental Protection and Energy for the special license plates. The fee for the license plates would be \$50. Although not specified in the bill, one would assume that this fee would be in addition to all other applicable motor vehicle registration fees. Monies collected for wildlife conservation license plates would be deposited into a non-lapsing, interest-bearing fund and would be used by DFGW to reimburse DMV for all costs in producing, issuing and publicizing the availability of the license plates and for endangered and nongame species conservation, including effectuating the purposes of "The Endangered and Nongame Species Conservation Act."

This bill also requires the Director of DMV to notify eligible motorists of the opportunity to obtain these license plates by including a notice with all motor vehicle registration renewals and placing posters or signs in all DMV facilities and offices. The posters or signs would be provided by DFGW.

In its cost and revenue estimates, DMV assumes that 150,000 motorists would apply for the plates annually.

DMV estimates its cost of implementing this bill at \$1,248,027 in the first year after enactment. Of this amount, \$1,100 would be for one-time die costs for the new license plates. According to DMV, the remaining \$1,246,927 represents funding for the following operational costs: \$199,710 for salaries for 10 clerks, \$57,217 for fringe benefits and \$990,000 for the actual plates. Assuming an annual increase of approximately 4 percent for salaries and fringe benefits, DMV estimates second and third year costs at \$1,258,080 and \$1,269,232, respectively.

DMV estimates annual revenues from application fees at \$7,500,000. These revenues would offset DMV's costs and produce net surpluses of \$6,251,973, \$6,241,920 and \$6,230,768 in the first three years following the bill's enactment, respectively.

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) concurs with the DMV estimate. However, OLS notes that DFGW would also incur additional costs upon enactment of this bill. In its role as recipient of the applications for this special license plate, DFGW would be responsible for depositing fees and transmitting the applications to DMV. Assuming that these functions could be handled by six clerks, DFGW would incur approximately \$135,083 in additional salary and fringe benefit expense in the first year following the bill's enactment. Adjusting for this additional cost and inflation, the net surpluses for the first three years would be reduced to \$6,116,890, \$6,100,974 and \$6,083,959, respectively.