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(Handicapped--license plates
--motorcycles)

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SPONSOR(S) Littell

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[FIRST REPRINT]

SENATE, No. 333

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 13, 1992

By Senator LITTELL

1 AN ACT concerning the issuance of handicapped license plates
2 and amending P.L.1949, c.280.

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

6 1. Section 3 of P.L.1949, c.280 (C.39:4-206) is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 3. The director shall issue to such applicant, also, a placard of
9 such size and design as shall be determined by the director in
10 consultation with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
11 Services in the Department of Labor, indicating that a
12 handicapped person identification card has been issued to the
13 person designated therein, which shall be displayed in such
14 manner as the director shall determine on the motor vehicle used
15 to transport the handicapped person, when the vehicle is parked
16 overtime or in special parking places established for use by
17 handicapped persons.

18 Notwithstanding any provision of this act to the contrary, the
19 chief of police of each municipality in this State shall issue to
20 any person who has temporarily lost the use of one or more limbs
21 or is temporarily disabled as to be unable to ambulate without the
22 aid of an assisting device or whose mobility is otherwise
23 temporarily limited, as certified by a physician with a plenary
24 license to practice medicine and surgery or a podiatrist licensed
25 to practice in this State or a bordering state, a temporary placard
26 of not more than six months' duration. Each temporary
27 handicapped placard issued under the provisions of this section
28 shall set forth the date on which it shall become invalid.

29 The temporary placard shall be granted upon written
30 certification by a physician with a plenary license to practice
31 medicine and surgery or a podiatrist licensed to practice in this
32 State or a bordering state that the person meets the conditions
33 constituting temporary disability as provided in this section. This
34 certification shall be provided on a standard form to be developed
35 by the director in consultation with local chiefs of police and
36 representatives of the handicapped. The form shall contain only
37 those conditions constituting temporary disability as are provided
38 in this section. The physical presence of the handicapped person
39 shall not be required for the issuance of a temporary handicapped
40 placard.

41 The placard may be renewed one time at the discretion of the
42 issuing authority for a period of not more than six months'

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 Senate SLP committee amendments adopted March 19, 1992.

1 duration. The placard shall be displayed on the motor vehicle used
2 by the temporarily handicapped person and shall give the person
3 the right to park overtime or to use special parking places
4 established for use by handicapped persons in any municipality of
5 this State.

6 The fee for the issuance of such temporary or permanent
7 placard issued pursuant to this section shall be \$4.00 and payable
8 to the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles.

9 The director may, in addition, issue license plates bearing the
10 national wheelchair symbol for [not] ;

11 a. Not more than two motor vehicles owned, operated or
12 leased by a handicapped person or by any person furnishing
13 transportation on his behalf; or

14 b. Any ¹[motorcycle] two motorcycles¹ owned, operated or
15 leased by a handicapped person.

16 The fee for the issuance of such plates shall be \$10.00 for each
17 vehicle.

18 (cf: P.L.1991, c.49, s.2)

19 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the third month
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23 STATEMENT

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25 The purpose of this bill is to clarify that handicapped license
26 plates may be issued for motorcycles owned, operated or leased
27 by a handicapped person.

28 There are a number of handicapped motorcycle enthusiasts who
29 operate custom built or specially designed motorcycles in New
30 Jersey. Currently, the Division of Motor Vehicles will not issue
31 handicapped plates for these vehicles.

32 Since these motorcyclists are unable to get handicapped license
33 plates, they are not permitted to park in designated handicapped
34 parking spaces. As a result, they are forced to park wherever
35 they can find a space. If they are not fortunate to find a parking
36 space close to their destination, they can face a dangerous and
37 difficult journey.

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ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY, LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[FIRST REPRINT]

SENATE, No. 333

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 8, 1993

The Assembly Judiciary, Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 333 [1R].

The purpose of this bill is to clarify that handicapped license plates may be issued for a motorcycle owned, operated or leased by a handicapped person.

The bill amends N.J.S.A.39:4-206 which currently permits the director of DMV to issue license plates bearing the national wheelchair symbol for two motor vehicles owned, operated or leased by a handicapped person to also include the issuance of such plates to two motorcycles owned, operated or leased by a handicapped person.

SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 333

with Senate committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 19, 1992

The Senate Law and Public Safety Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 333 with amendments.

The purpose of this bill, as amended, is to clarify that handicapped license plates may be issued for a motorcycle owned, operated or leased by a handicapped person.

According to the sponsor, there is a number of handicapped motorcycle enthusiasts who operate custom built or specially designed motorcycles in New Jersey. Currently, the Division of Motor Vehicles will not issue handicapped plates for these vehicles.

Since these motorcyclists are unable to get handicapped license plates, they are not permitted to park in designated handicapped parking spaces.

The committee amended the bill to limit the issuance of such plates to only two motorcycles owned, operated or leased by a handicapped person.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE TO

[FIRST REPRINT]

SENATE, No. 333

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: July 6, 1992

Senate Bill No. 333 [1R] of 1992 permits license plates bearing the national wheelchair symbol to be issued for up to two motorcycles owned, operated or leased by a handicapped person. Currently, the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) in the Department of Law and Public Safety does not issue these plates for motorcycles. The additional fee for these license plates would be \$10 for each vehicle.

According to DMV, the enactment of this bill will not incur significant additional costs. This bill will require DMV to design a new motorcycle license plate to include the wheelchair symbol and have a supply made for motorcyclists who wish to obtain them. DMV estimates that manufacturing costs would be minimal because of the small demand for these plates, which it estimates at fewer than 50 annually.

The Office of Legislative Services concurs and notes that the fee for these plates should offset the costs of issuing them.

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