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CHAPTER: 56

NJSA: 39:3-27.106
(Navy Cross license plates)

BILL NO: S175

SPONSOR(S): Bennett

DATE INTRODUCED: January 13, 1998

COMMITTEE:

ASSEMBLY: Transportation

SENATE: Senior Citizens; Veterans' Affairs

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: Yes

DATES OF PASSAGE:

ASSEMBLY: February 18, 1999

SENATE: February 26, 1998

DATE OF APPROVAL: April 13, 1999

THE FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

FINAL TEXT OF BILL: *Yes* 1st Reprint
(Amendments during passage denoted by superscript numbers)

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SPONSORS STATEMENT: *Yes* (Begins on page 2 of original bill)

COMMITTEE STATEMENT:

ASSEMBLY: *Yes*

SENATE: *Yes*

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS: *No*

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: *Yes*

GOVERNOR'S ACTIONS

VETO MESSAGE: *No*

GOVERNOR'S PRESS RELEASE ON SIGNING: *Yes*

THE FOLLOWING WERE PRINTED:

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P.L. 1999, CHAPTER 56, *approved April 13, 1999*
Senate, No. 175 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT providing for the issuance of special license plates to
2 recipients of the Navy Cross and supplementing chapter 3 of Title
3 39 of the Revised Statutes.

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

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8 1. a. Upon application of any person who is the holder of a Navy
9 Cross as certified on the applicant's DD-214 form or on a Certificate
10 of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, the director shall issue, for
11 the motor vehicle owned or leased by the person, distinctive plates
12 bearing a design approved by the director, in addition to the
13 registration number and other markings or identification prescribed by
14 law. The plates shall bear the words "Navy Cross" and depict the
15 Navy Cross emblem.

16 b. There shall be ¹**[no cost]** a fee of \$15¹ to the applicant for these
17 special plates ¹**[other than]**in addition to¹ the fees otherwise
18 prescribed by law for the registration of motor vehicles. ¹The director
19 shall retain from the fees collected such sums as are necessary to
20 provide for all costs incurred by the division in producing and issuing
21 Navy Cross license plates.¹

22 c. The surviving spouse of a deceased recipient of the Navy Cross
23 who is eligible to operate a motor vehicle in this State under the
24 provisions of R.S.39:3-10 may retain the special license plates
25 obtained by the deceased spouse pursuant to this section for display on
26 a motor vehicle registered to the surviving spouse under the provisions
27 of R.S.39:3-4.

28 d. The director may promulgate rules and regulations governing
29 the issuance and use of these special license plates.

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

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37 Authorizes special Navy Cross license plates.

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and 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 SSV committee amendments adopted February 10, 1998.

SENATE, No. 175

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
208th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1998 SESSION

Sponsored by:
Senator JOHN O. BENNETT
District 12 (Monmouth)

SYNOPSIS

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CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As Introduced.



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32 STATEMENT

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35 in the Department of Transportation to issue special license plates to
36 recipients of the Navy Cross, a decoration awarded by the United
37 States Navy for exceptional heroism in action. Current law provides
38 for the issuance of special plates to recipients of the Silver Star, a
39 United States military decoration awarded for gallantry in action.

40 The license plates authorized by this bill would bear a design
41 approved by the director identifying the registrant as a recipient of the
42 Navy Cross, in addition to other markings or identification otherwise
43 prescribed by law. There would be no fee required to obtain the
44 special plates other than the normal registration fee. The bill
45 authorizes the director to promulgate rules and regulations governing
46 the issuance and use of these plates.

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- 1 The bill would also allow surviving spouses of deceased Navy Cross
- 2 recipients to retain the special license plates.

ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 175

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 21, 1999

The Assembly Transportation Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 175 (1R).

This bill authorizes the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles in the Department of Transportation to issue special license plates to recipients of the Navy Cross, a decoration awarded by the United States Navy for exceptional heroism in action. Current law provides for the issuance of special plates to recipients of the Silver Star, a United States military decoration awarded for gallantry in action.

The license plates authorized by this bill would bear a design approved by the director identifying the registrant as a recipient of the Navy Cross, in addition to other markings or identification otherwise prescribed by law. There would be a fee of \$15 in addition to the fees otherwise prescribed by law for the registration of motor vehicles. From the fees collected, the director shall retain the sums necessary to provide for all costs incurred by the division in producing and issuing the Navy Cross license plates.

Also, the bill authorizes the director to promulgate rules and regulations governing the issuance and use of these plates.

The bill would also allow surviving spouses of deceased Navy Cross recipients to retain the special license plates.

SENATE SENIOR CITIZENS, VETERANS' AFFAIRS AND
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 175

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 10, 1998

The Senate Senior Citizens, Veterans' Affairs and Human Services Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 175.

As amended by committee, this bill authorizes the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles in the Department of Transportation to issue special license plates to recipients of the Navy Cross, a decoration awarded by the United States Navy for exceptional heroism in action. Current law provides for the issuance of special plates to recipients of the Silver Star, a United States military decoration awarded for gallantry in action.

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Also, the bill authorizes the director to promulgate rules and regulations governing the issuance and use of these plates.

The bill would also allow surviving spouses of deceased Navy Cross recipients to retain the special license plates.

The committee amended the bill to add a fee of \$15 to pay the cost of producing and issuing these license plates. The amount of the fee is consistent with the fee charged for other license plates issued to recognize military service.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 175

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

208th LEGISLATURE

DATED: APRIL 17, 1998

Senate Bill No. 175 (1R) of 1998 authorizes the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles to issue special license plates to recipients of the Navy Cross, a decoration awarded by the United States Navy and the Marine Corps for exceptional heroism in action. There would be an application fee of \$15 for the special plates, which shall be in addition to fees otherwise required by law.

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) cannot determine how many recipients of the Navy Cross reside in New Jersey and would be interested in obtaining these special license plates. Therefore, OLS cannot estimate the additional revenue that would be generated by the \$15 application fee. However, based on costs for similar license plates, OLS would estimate a cost of about \$1,000 for a new plate die and costs of about \$10 to produce and issue each set of special plates.

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

Office of the Governor
NEWS RELEASE

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RELEASE: April 13, 1999

Gov. Christie Whitman today signed the following pieces of legislation:

A-2370, sponsored by Assembly Members George F. Geist (R- Camden/Gloucester) and Leonard Lance (R- Warren/Hunterdon/Mercer) and Senators William E. Schluter (R- Warren/ Hunterdon /Mercer) and Edward T. O'Connor, Jr. (D-Hudson), expands the definition of a candidate under the New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act to include an individual considering whether to be a candidate for public office. The bill requires persons who are "testing the waters" for candidacy for public office to file reports with the ELEC???like officially declared candidates. The bill eliminates exploratory committees typically used by candidates for governor or other offices to examine their prospects before formally opening a campaign. Under previous law, candidates were not required to reveal the amount or source of contributions to an exploratory committee.

S-175, sponsored by Senator John O. Bennett (R-Monmouth), authorizes the director of the Division of Motor Vehicles to issue special license plates to recipients of the Navy Cross, a decoration awarded by the United States Navy for exceptional heroism in action. The special license plants will bear the word "Navy Cross" and depict the Navy Cross emblem. In addition to fees otherwise prescribed by law for the registration of motor vehicles, there will be a \$15 fee for the cost of producing and issuing the special license plates.