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P.L. 2002, CHAPTER 52, *approved August 3, 2002*
Senate, No. 1139 (*Second Reprint*)

1 **AN ACT** concerning United We Stand license plates and
2 supplementing chapter 3 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes.

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

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7 1. As used in this act, "fund" means the "Rewards for Justice
8 License Plate Fund" created pursuant to section 4 of this act.

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10 2. The Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles shall, upon
11 proper application therefor, issue United We Stand license plates for
12 any motor vehicle owned or leased and registered in the State. In
13 addition to the registration number and other markings or
14 identification otherwise prescribed by law, the license plate shall
15 display the words "United We Stand" in addition to an American flag.
16 ¹[The colors of the plate shall be red, white, and blue.] The colors
17 red, white and blue shall be appropriately displayed on the license
18 plate.¹ Issuance of the United We Stand license plates in accordance
19 with this section shall be subject to the provisions of chapter 3 of Title
20 39 of the Revised Statutes, except as hereinafter otherwise specifically
21 provided.

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23 3. a. Application for issuance of a United We Stand license plate
24 shall be made to the division on forms and in a manner as may be
25 prescribed by the director. In order to be deemed complete, an
26 application shall be accompanied by a fee of \$50 payable to the
27 division, which fee shall be in addition to all fees otherwise required
28 by law for the registration of the motor vehicle.

29 b. The annual fee for the registration certificate of a motor vehicle
30 that has been issued a United We Stand license plate pursuant to the
31 provisions of this act shall include, in each year subsequent to the year
32 of issuance, a fee in the amount of \$10, which fee shall be in addition
33 to all fees otherwise required by law for the renewal of the registration
34 of the motor vehicle, and shall be collected by the division and
35 deposited in the Rewards for Justice License Plate Fund created
36 pursuant to section 4 of this act.

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 STR committee amendments adopted February 28, 2002.

² Assembly AAP committee amendments adopted June 6, 2002.

1 4. There is created in the Department of Transportation a special
2 non-lapsing fund to be known as the "Rewards for Justice License
3 Plate Fund." There shall be deposited in the fund the amounts
4 collected from license plate fees pursuant to section 3 of this act, less
5 the amounts necessary to reimburse the division for administrative
6 costs pursuant to section 5 of this act. Monies deposited in the fund
7 shall be distributed, at the discretion of the Commissioner of
8 Transportation, either into the Rewards for Justice Fund, established
9 by a private non-profit organization, all of which shall be contributed
10 to the United States State Department's Rewards for Justice Program
11 or directly to the Rewards for Justice Program. Prior to distribution,
12 monies deposited in the fund shall be held in interest-bearing accounts
13 in public depositories as defined pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1970,
14 c.236 (C.17:9-41), and may be invested or reinvested in such securities
15 as are approved by the State Treasurer. Interest or other income
16 earned on monies deposited in the fund, and any monies which may be
17 appropriated or otherwise become available for the purposes of the
18 fund, shall be credited to and deposited in the fund for use as set forth
19 in this act.

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21 ²5. (New section) The Rewards for Justice Fund shall contribute

22 monies in an amount to be determined by the director, not to exceed

23 \$50,000, to be used to offset the initial costs incurred by the division

24 pursuant to section 6 of this act. Any amount remaining after the

25 payment of the initial costs shall be deposited in the fund.²

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27 ¹[4.] ²[5.¹] 6.² a. Prior to the deposit of license plate fees
28 collected pursuant to section ¹[2] 3¹ of this act into the ¹[Rewards
29 for Justice License Plate Fund] fund¹, amounts thereof as are
30 necessary shall be used to reimburse ²the Rewards for Justice Fund, up
31 to the amount contributed by the Rewards for Justice Fund pursuant
32 to section 5 of this act, and then to reimburse the² the division for all
33 costs reasonably and actually incurred, as stipulated by the director,
34 for:

35 (1) producing, issuing, renewing, and publicizing the availability of
36 United We Stand license plates; and

37 (2) from the initial fees, any computer programming changes that
38 may be necessary to implement the United We Stand license plate
39 program established by this act.

40 b. The director shall annually certify to the commissioner the
41 average cost per license plate incurred in the immediately preceding
42 year by the division in producing, issuing, renewing, and publicizing
43 the availability of United We Stand license plates. The annual
44 certification of the average cost per license plate shall be approved by
45 the Joint Budget Oversight Committee, or its successor.

46 c. In the event that the average cost per license plate as certified by
47 the director and approved by the Joint Budget Oversight Committee,

1 or its successor, is greater than the \$50 application fee established in
2 subsection a. of section ¹[2] 3¹ of this act in two consecutive fiscal
3 years, the director may discontinue the issuance of United We Stand
4 license plates.

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6 ²[6.] 7.² The director shall notify eligible motorists of the
7 opportunity to obtain United We Stand license plates by including a
8 notice with all motor vehicle registration renewals, and by posting
9 appropriate posters or signs in all division facilities and offices. The
10 notices, posters, and signs shall be designed by the director.

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12 ²8. (New section) The director and officials of the Rewards for
13 Justice Fund shall enter into a memorandum of agreement setting forth
14 the procedures to be followed by the division and the Rewards for
15 Justice Fund in carrying out the provisions of this act.²

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17 ²[7.] 9.² Pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act,"
18 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), the director may promulgate
19 rules and regulations to effectuate the provisions of this act.

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21 ²[8.] 10.² This act shall take effect on the first day of the fourth
22 month after enactment, but the State Treasurer and the Director of the
23 Division of Motor Vehicles may take such anticipatory acts in advance
24 of that date as may be necessary for the timely implementation of this
25 act.

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30 Establishes United We Stand license plate to support United States
31 State Department's Rewards for Justice Program.

SENATE, No. 1139

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
210th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 21, 2002

Sponsored by:

Senator RICHARD J. CODEY

District 27 (Essex)

Senator ROBERT W. SINGER

District 30 (Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean)

SYNOPSIS

Establishes United We Stand license plate to support United States Justice Department Rewards for Justice Program.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/1/2002)

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16 The colors of the plate shall be red, white, and blue. Issuance of the
17 United We Stand license plates in accordance with this section shall be
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43 Transportation, either into the Rewards for Justice Fund, established
44 by a private non-profit organization, all of which shall be contributed
45 to the United States State Department's Rewards for Justice Program
46 or directly to the Rewards for Justice Program. Prior to distribution,

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5 earned on monies deposited in the fund, and any monies which may be
6 appropriated or otherwise become available for the purposes of the
7 fund, shall be credited to and deposited in the fund for use as set forth
8 in this act.

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10 5. a. Prior to the deposit of license plate fees collected pursuant
11 to section 3 of this act into the fund, amounts thereof as are necessary
12 shall be used to reimburse the division for all costs reasonably and
13 actually incurred, as stipulated by the director, for:

14 (1) producing, issuing, renewing, and publicizing the availability of
15 United We Stand license plates; and

16 (2) from the initial fees, any computer programming changes that
17 may be necessary to implement the United We Stand license plate
18 program established by this act.

19 b. The director shall annually certify to the commissioner the
20 average cost per license plate incurred in the immediately preceding
21 year by the division in producing, issuing, renewing, and publicizing
22 the availability of United We Stand license plates. The annual
23 certification of the average cost per license plate shall be approved by
24 the Joint Budget Oversight Committee, or its successor.

25 c. In the event that the average cost per license plate as certified by
26 the director and approved by the Joint Budget Oversight Committee,
27 or its successor, is greater than the \$50 application fee established in
28 subsection a. of section 3 of this act in two consecutive fiscal years,
29 the director may discontinue the issuance of United We Stand license
30 plates.

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32 6. The director shall notify eligible motorists of the opportunity to
33 obtain United We Stand license plates by including a notice with all
34 motor vehicle registration renewals, and by posting appropriate
35 posters or signs in all division facilities and offices. The notices,
36 posters, and signs shall be designed by the director.

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38 7. Pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act, " P.L.1968,
39 c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), the director may promulgate rules and
40 regulations to effectuate the provisions of this act.

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42 8. This act shall take effect on the first day of the fourth month
43 after enactment, but the State Treasurer and the Director of the
44 Division of Motor Vehicles may take such anticipatory acts in advance
45 of that date as may be necessary for the timely implementation of this
46 act.

1 STATEMENT

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3 This bill directs the Division of Motor Vehicles in the Department
4 of Transportation to issue special United We Stand license plates. The
5 proceeds from these plates, to be deposited in a special fund in the
6 department, would either be forwarded to: (1) the Rewards for Justice
7 Fund, a private, non-profit organization in Connecticut which turns
8 over all of the money it raises to the State Department's Rewards for
9 Justice Program or (2) the Rewards for Justice Program, directly.

10 The federal government's Rewards for Justice Program is a highly
11 successful effort that uses reward payments to identify and apprehend
12 individuals who are planning, or have committed, terrorist acts. Since
13 its establishment in 1984, the Rewards for Justice Program has played
14 a quiet but effective role in the identification and apprehension of
15 dozens of individuals who were planning or have committed terrorist
16 acts around the world, including Rammzi Ahmed Yousef, who is now
17 behind bars for his role in the 1993 bombing of the World Trade
18 Center. By convincing informants to reveal information about terrorist
19 plans and hiding places, the federal program has apprehended violent
20 and destructive terrorists or disrupted planned terrorist attacks in more
21 than 20 cases around the world. The Norwalk, Connecticut-based
22 fund, turns over to the State Department 100 percent of the money it
23 raises from the public. That fund was created in the days following the
24 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon and was
25 endorsed by a bipartisan group of House and Senate members who
26 help oversee Congressional anti-terrorism activities.

27 By purchasing a United We Stand license plate for \$50 and paying
28 an additional annual fee of \$10 upon renewal, the license plate would
29 allow individual New Jersey residents to contribute to a program that
30 has a proven track record in helping to capture terrorists and prevent
31 future attacks. Motorists could help fund one of the most effective
32 means of turning terrorist supporters and sympathizers into
33 informants.

34 Each plate would be required to include an American flag, the
35 words "United We Stand," and be red, white and blue in color.

ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 1139

with Assembly committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 6, 2002

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1139 (1R) (CC), with committee amendments.

Senate Bill No. 1139 (1R) (CC), as amended, establishes the United We Stand license plate, which would be made available for a fee of \$50 payable to the Division of Motor Vehicles. The proceeds from these plates would be deposited in a special license plate fund in the Department of Transportation and forwarded to support the Rewards for Justice Program in the U.S. State Department. This program uses reward payments to identify and apprehend individuals who are planning, or have committed, terrorist acts.

As amended and reported, this bill is identical to A1946 (1R), as also amended and reported by the committee.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The license plate application will cost \$50, and there will be an annual renewal fee of \$10, in addition to the fees for vehicle registration. \$50,000 is to be contributed by the non-profit organization Rewards for Justice Fund, for initial start-up costs, then reimbursed after sufficient plate applications are received. It was estimated that 5,000 applications would amount to \$200,000 being available to the Rewards for Justice Program and the initial cost of \$50,000, paid and reimbursed to the non-profit organization.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The amendments concerns a contribution from the Rewards for Justice Fund, a non-profit organization, in the amount of \$50,000 for initial start-up costs to the Department of Transportation. They will be reimbursed after sufficient plate orders are taken.

SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1139

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 28, 2002

The Senate Transportation Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1139 with committee amendments.

This bill, as amended by the committee, directs the Division of Motor Vehicles in the Department of Transportation to issue special United We Stand license plates. The proceeds from these plates, to be deposited in a special fund in the department, would either be forwarded to: (1) the Rewards for Justice Fund, a private, non-profit organization in Connecticut which turns over all of the money it raises to the State Department's Rewards for Justice Program or (2) the Rewards for Justice Program, directly.

The federal government's Rewards for Justice Program uses reward payments to identify and apprehend individuals who are planning, or have committed, terrorist acts. Since its establishment in 1984, the Rewards for Justice Program has played a role in the identification and apprehension of dozens of individuals who were planning or have committed terrorist acts around the world, including Rammzi Ahmed Yousef, who is now imprisoned for his role in the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center. By convincing informants to reveal information about terrorist plans and hiding places, the federal program has apprehended violent and destructive terrorists or disrupted planned terrorist attacks in more than 20 cases around the world. The Norwalk, Connecticut-based fund, turns over to the State Department 100 percent of the money it raises from the public. That fund was created in the days following the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon and has been endorsed by a bipartisan group of House and Senate members who help oversee Congressional anti-terrorism activities.

Each plate would be required to include an American flag, the words "United We Stand," and contain the colors red, white and blue appropriately displayed thereon.

The committee amended the bill to provide that the red, white and blue colors would be appropriately displayed on the license plate.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[Second Reprint]

SENATE, No. 1139

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

210th LEGISLATURE

DATED: JULY 31, 2002

SUMMARY

Synopsis: Establishes United We Stand license plate to support United States State Department's Rewards for Justice Program.

Type of Impact: New expenditure from General Fund offset by new revenue.

Agencies Affected: Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV), Department of Transportation.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
State Cost	\$50,000	Variable costs, revenue	Variable costs, revenue
State Revenue	see comments below	see comments below	see comments below

- ! Authorizes issuance of special "United We Stand" license plates.
- ! Special plate application fee of \$50, and an annual renewal fee of \$10; these fees are in addition to fees otherwise charged for vehicle registration.
- ! After reimbursing DMV for the costs associated with the production and issuance of the special plates, the remaining fee revenue would be contributed to the federal Rewards for Justice Program which was established to offer financial rewards to persons helping to identify and apprehend individuals who are planning, or have committed, an act of terrorism.

BILL DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill No. 1139 (2R) of 2002 authorizes the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles to issue special "United We Stand" license plates.

There would be an application fee of \$50 for the special plate and an annual renewal fee of \$10. These fees are in addition to fees otherwise charged for vehicle registration. The application and renewal fees would be used: (1) to reimburse the division for costs associated with producing and issuing the special plates; and (2) as a contribution to the federal Rewards for Justice Program which was established to offer financial rewards to persons helping to identify and apprehend individuals who are planning, or have committed, an act of terrorism.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The Division of Motor Vehicles currently estimates that "cause" plates, e.g. Shore Protection, Animal Friendly, Cancer Research, etc., have the following costs: (1) about \$6 per set to produce; (2) about \$10,000 for marketing inserts and advertisements to alert drivers of the availability of new "cause" plates; and (3) about \$10,000 for one-time computer programming expenses. Therefore, given an initial production run of 5,000 plates costing about \$30,000 and expenses of \$20,000 for marketing and computer related activities, the Office of Legislative Services (OLS) estimates an initial first-year cost of \$50,000 to produce and issue these special United We Stand license plates.

To offset these initial State costs, the division would begin to receive revenues from the \$50 application fee. Although OLS cannot estimate the demand for these new "cause" plates, if an entire 5,000 initial license plate production run is issued in the first year, the State would receive \$250,000 in revenue. The subsequent allocation of \$50,000 from that revenue to DMV for startup costs would make \$200,000 available as a contribution to the federal Rewards for Justice Program.

Future State costs and revenues would be dependent on the actual demand for these plates. However, OLS cannot estimate this demand.

Section: *Authorities, Utilities, Transportation and Communications*

Analyst: *Rusty Lachenauer*
Lead Fiscal Analyst

Approved: *Alan R. Kooney*
Legislative Budget and Finance Officer

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

ASSEMBLY, No. 1946

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

210th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 28, 2002

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman PAUL SARLO

District 36 (Bergen, Essex and Passaic)

Assemblyman ANTHONY IMPREVEDUTO

District 32 (Bergen and Hudson)

Co-Sponsored by:

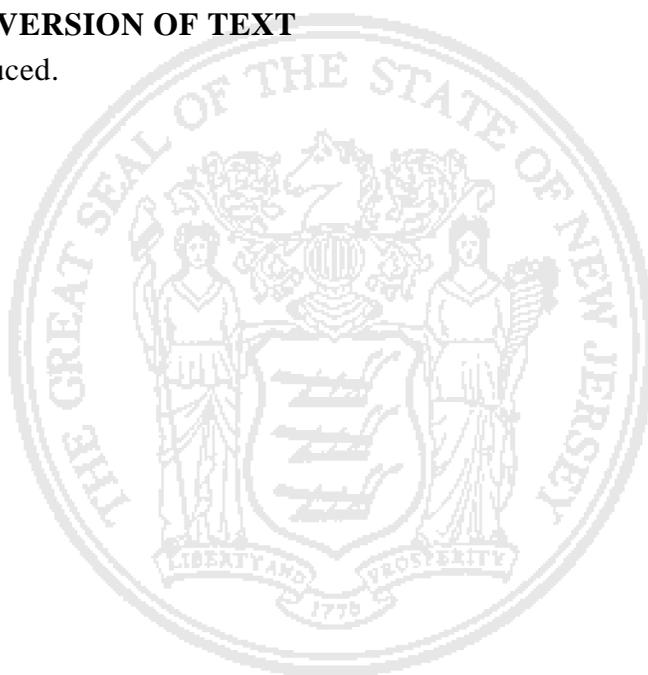
Assemblymen Doherty and Gear

SYNOPSIS

Establishes special license plate to support U. S. Rewards for Justice Program.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 5/14/2002)

A1946 SARLO, IMPREVEDUTO

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9 motor vehicle owned or leased and registered in the State. In addition
10 to the registration number and other markings or identification
11 otherwise prescribed by law, the license plate shall display the words
12 "United We Stand" in addition to an American flag. The colors of the
13 plate shall be red, white, and blue. Except as hereinafter otherwise
14 specifically provided, issuance of the United We Stand license plates
15 in accordance with this section shall be subject to the provisions of
16 chapter 3 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes.

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18 2. a. Application for issuance of a United We Stand license plate
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28 to all fees otherwise required by law for the renewal of the registration
29 of the motor vehicle, and shall be collected by the division and
30 deposited in the Rewards for Justice License Plate Fund created
31 pursuant to section 3 of this act.

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33 3. There is created in the Department of Transportation a special
34 non-lapsing fund to be known as the "Rewards for Justice License
35 Plate Fund." There shall be deposited in the fund the amounts
36 collected from license plate fees pursuant to section 2 of this act, less
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38 costs pursuant to section 4 of this act. Monies deposited in the fund
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5 in this act.

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8 to section 2 of this act into the Rewards for Justice License Plate
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22 the Joint Budget Oversight Committee, or its successor.

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24 the director and approved by the Joint Budget Oversight Committee,
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31 notify eligible motorists of the opportunity to obtain United We Stand
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By purchasing a United We Stand license plate for \$50 and paying an additional annual fee of \$10 upon renewal, New Jersey residents will contribute to a program that has a proven track record in helping to capture terrorists and prevent future attacks.

Each plate would be required to include an American flag, the words "United We Stand," and be red, white and blue in color. The Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles would publicize the availability of the plates.

ASSEMBLY HOMELAND SECURITY AND STATE
PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1946

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 13, 2002

The Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 1946.

As amended, the bill enables the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles to issue, upon proper application therefor, special United We Stand license plates. Each plate would include an American flag, the words "United We Stand," and have the colors red, white and blue appropriately displayed. The proceeds from these plates, to be deposited in a special license plate fund in the Department of Transportation, would be forwarded, at the discretion of the Commissioner of Transportation, to either: (1) the United States' Rewards for Justice Program in the U.S. State Department; or (2) the Rewards for Justice Fund, a private, non-profit organization based in Connecticut which collects and forwards all of the money it raises to the State Department's Rewards for Justice Program.

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The Norwalk, Connecticut based Rewards for Justice Fund turns over to the State Department 100 percent of the money it raises from the public. This fund was created in the days following the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, and has been endorsed by a bipartisan group of House and Senate members who help oversee Congressional anti-terrorism activities.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The amendments make this bill identical to Senate Bill No. 1139(1R), as passed by the Senate.

A new section 1 is inserted in order to define the "fund" referenced elsewhere in the bill as the "Rewards for Justice License Plate Fund" created by this bill.

Also, the language pertaining to the appearance of the license plate was changed in order for the colors red, white and blue to be appropriately displayed on the plate, pursuant to the Senate version of the bill.

ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 1946

with Assembly committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 6, 2002

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1946, with committee amendments.

Assembly Bill No. 1946 (1R), as amended, establishes the United We Stand license plate, which would be made available for a fee of \$50 payable to the Division of Motor Vehicles. The proceeds from these plates would be deposited in a special license plate fund in the Department of Transportation and forwarded to support the Rewards for Justice Program in the U.S. State Department. This program uses reward payments to identify and apprehend individuals who are planning, or have committed, terrorist acts.

As amended and reported, this bill is identical to S-1139 (1R) (CC), as also amended and reported by the committee.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The license plate application will cost \$50, and there will be an annual renewal fee of \$10, in addition to the fees for vehicle registration. \$50,000 is to be contributed by the non-profit organization Rewards for Justice Fund, for initial start-up costs, then reimbursed after sufficient plate applications are received. It was estimated that 5,000 applications would amount to \$200,000 being available to the Rewards for Justice Program and the initial cost of \$50,000, paid and reimbursed to the non-profit organization.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The amendments concern a contribution from the Rewards for Justice Fund, a non-profit organization, in the amount of \$50,000 for initial start-up costs to the Department of Transportation. They will be reimbursed after sufficient plate orders are taken.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE
 [Second Reprint]
ASSEMBLY, No. 1946
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
210th LEGISLATURE

DATED: OCTOBER 11, 2002

SUMMARY

Synopsis: Establishes United We Stand license plate to support United States State Department's Rewards for Justice Program.

Type of Impact: New expenditure from General Fund offset by new revenue.

Agencies Affected: Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV), Department of Transportation.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
State Cost	\$50,000	Variable costs, revenue	Variable costs, revenue
State Revenue	see comments below	see comments below	see comments below

- ! Authorizes issuance of special "United We Stand" license plates.
- ! Special plate application fee of \$50, and an annual renewal fee of \$10; these fees are in addition to fees otherwise charged for vehicle registration.
- ! After reimbursing DMV for the costs associated with the production and issuance of the special plates, the remaining fee revenue would be contributed to the federal Rewards for Justice Program which was established to offer financial rewards to persons helping to identify and apprehend individuals who are planning, or have committed, an act of terrorism.

BILL DESCRIPTION

Assembly Bill No. 1946 (2R) of 2002 authorizes the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles to issue special "United We Stand" license plates.

There would be an application fee of \$50 for the special plate and an annual renewal fee of \$10. These fees are in addition to fees otherwise charged for vehicle registration. The application and renewal fees would be used: (1) to reimburse the division for costs associated with producing and issuing the special plates; and (2) as a contribution to the federal Rewards for Justice Program which was established to offer financial rewards to persons helping to identify and apprehend individuals who are planning, or have committed, an act of terrorism.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The Division of Motor Vehicles currently estimates that "cause" plates, e.g. Shore Protection, Animal Friendly, Cancer Research, etc., have the following costs: (1) about \$6 per set to produce; (2) about \$10,000 for marketing inserts and advertisements to alert drivers of the availability of new "cause" plates; and (3) about \$10,000 for one-time computer programming expenses. Therefore, given an initial production run of 5,000 plates costing about \$30,000 and expenses of \$20,000 for marketing and computer related activities, the Office of Legislative Services (OLS) estimates an initial first-year cost of \$50,000 to produce and issue these special United We Stand license plates.

To offset these initial State costs, the division would begin to receive revenues from the \$50 application fee. Although OLS cannot estimate the demand for these new "cause" plates, if an entire 5,000 initial license plate production run is issued in the first year, the State would receive \$250,000 in revenue. The subsequent allocation of \$50,000 from that revenue to DMV for startup costs would make \$200,000 available as a contribution to the federal Rewards for Justice Program.

Future State costs and revenues would be dependent on the actual demand for these plates. However, OLS cannot estimate this demand.

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