

CHAPTER 436

AN ACT concerning shade tree and community forest preservation license plates and amending P.L.1996, c.135.

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

1. Section 10 of P.L.1996, c.135 (C.39:3-27.79) is amended to read as follows:

C.39:3-27.79 Issuance of shade tree, community forest preservation license plates.

10. The Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles in the Department of Transportation shall, upon proper application therefor, issue shade tree and community forest preservation license plates for any motor vehicle, including a commercial motor vehicle issued a registration or license plate pursuant to R.S.39:3-20, owned or leased and registered in the State. In addition to the registration number and other markings or identification otherwise prescribed by law, a shade tree and community forest preservation license plate shall display words or a slogan and an emblem indicating support for, or an interest in, shade tree and community forest preservation except for a shade tree and community forest preservation license plate issued to a commercial motor vehicle which, in addition to the registration number and other markings prescribed by law, shall display an emblem indicating an interest in shade tree and community forest preservation in New Jersey. The words or slogan and emblem shall be chosen by the director; however, the director shall solicit, in conjunction with the Legislature, input from the general public on the design of the plate and shall review the submissions prior to choosing the design. Issuance of shade tree and community forest preservation license plates in accordance with this section shall be subject to the provisions of chapter 3 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes, except as hereinafter otherwise specifically provided.

2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the sixth month after enactment.

Approved January 10, 2002.