

CHAPTER 52

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

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

C.39:3-27.131 "Fund" defined.

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

C.39:3-27.132 Issuance of United We Stand license plates..

2. The Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles shall, upon proper application therefor, issue United We Stand license plates for any motor vehicle owned or leased and registered in the State. In addition to the registration number and other markings or identification otherwise prescribed by law, the license plate shall display the words "United We Stand" in addition to an American flag. The colors red, white and blue shall be appropriately displayed on the license plate. Issuance of the United We Stand 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.

C.39:3-27.133 Application for issuance of license plate, fee.

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

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

C.39:3-27.134 "Rewards for Justice License Plate Fund."

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

C.39:3-27.135 Contribution to offset initial costs.

5. The Rewards for Justice Fund shall contribute monies in an amount to be determined by the director, not to exceed \$50,000, to be used to offset the initial costs incurred by the division pursuant to section 6 of this act. Any amount remaining after the payment of the initial costs shall be deposited in the fund.

C.39:3-27.136 Reimbursement to Rewards for Justice Fund, DMV.

6. a. Prior to the deposit of license plate fees collected pursuant to section 3 of this act into the fund, amounts thereof as are necessary shall be used to reimburse the Rewards for Justice Fund, up to the amount contributed by the Rewards for Justice Fund pursuant to section 5 of this

act, and then to reimburse the division for all costs reasonably and actually incurred, as stipulated by the director, for:

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

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

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

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

C.39:3-27.137 Notification to eligible motorists.

7. The director shall notify eligible motorists of the opportunity to obtain United We Stand 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 shall be designed by the director.

C.39:3-27.138 Memorandum of agreement.

8. The director and officials of the Rewards for Justice Fund shall enter into a memorandum of agreement setting forth the procedures to be followed by the division and the Rewards for Justice Fund in carrying out the provisions of this act.

C.39:3-27.139 Rules, regulations.

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

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

Approved August 3, 2002.