

CHAPTER 262

AN ACT concerning the U.S.S. New Jersey Battleship Commission and the Foundation for the U.S.S. New Jersey Battleship, and amending, supplementing and repealing various parts of the statutory law.

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

1. Section 1 of P.L.1995, c.252 (C.39:3-27.67) is amended to read as follows:

C.39:3-27.67 Issuance of Battleship U.S.S. New Jersey license plates.

1. The Chief Administrator of the Motor Vehicle Commission shall, upon proper application therefor, issue Battleship U.S.S. New Jersey license plates for any motor vehicle owned or leased and registered in the State. In addition to the registration number and other markings of identification otherwise prescribed by law, the plate shall display a depiction of a battleship and wording which either recognizes the U.S.S. New Jersey's role in U.S. naval history or indicates support for the restoration, and maintenance of the U.S.S. New Jersey. The wording, design and color scheme of the plate shall be chosen by the chief administrator.

2. Section 3 of P.L.1995, c.252 (C.39:3-27.69) is amended to read as follows:

C.39:3-27.69 "Battleship New Jersey Memorial Fund."

3. There is created in the Department of the Treasury a special non-lapsing fund to be known as the "Battleship New Jersey Memorial Fund." There shall be deposited into the fund the additional application and renewal fees collected pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1995, c.252 (C.39:3-27.68) and any interest earned thereon, less the amounts necessary to reimburse the division for administrative costs pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1995, c.252 (C.39:3-27.70). Monies deposited in the fund shall be annually appropriated to the Home Port Alliance to support the restoration, maintenance and operation of the Battleship U.S.S. New Jersey.

3. Section 5 of P.L.1995, c. 252 (C.39:3-27.71) is amended to read as follows:

C.39:3-27.71 Notification to motorists.

5. The chief administrator shall notify eligible motorists of the opportunity to obtain Battleship U.S.S. New Jersey license plates by including a notice with all motor vehicle registration renewals and by posting appropriate posters or signs in all commission facilities and offices. The notices, posters, and signs shall be designed by the commission.

4. Section 2 of P.L.1995, c.299 (C.54A:9-25.10) is amended to read as follows:

C.54A:9-25.10 U.S.S. New Jersey Educational Museum Fund established.

2. There is established in the Department of the Treasury a special fund to be known as the U.S.S. New Jersey Educational Museum Fund. The State Treasurer shall deposit into the fund net contributions collected pursuant to this act. All moneys deposited in the U.S.S. New Jersey Educational Museum Fund shall be annually appropriated to the Home Port Alliance to support the maintenance and operation of the U.S.S. New Jersey as a memorial and museum.

C.13:15A-15 Funds transferred to Home Port Alliance and Foundation.

5. All funds of the U.S.S. New Jersey Battleship Commission, established pursuant to P.L.1979, c. 440 (C.13:15A-1 et seq.) are transferred to the Home Port Alliance. All funds of the Foundation for the U.S.S. New Jersey Battleship established pursuant to P.L.1997, c.45 (C.13:15A-10 et al.) are transferred to the Foundation for the Battleship New Jersey.

Repealer.

6. P.L.1979, c.440 (C.13:15A-1 et seq.) and P.L.1997, c.45 (C.13:15A-10 et seq.) are repealed.

7. This act shall take effect immediately.

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