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## Assembly Bill 19

### Topic

Assembly Bill 19 provides for the issuance of "United We Stand" special license plates.

### Summary

Assembly Bill 19 provides for the issuance of special license plates that reflect public solidarity after the acts of terrorism committed on September 11, 2001. The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) must cooperate with the Division of Emergency Management of the Department of Public Safety in designing the license plate. The design of the license plate must include the phrase, "United We stand" and incorporate an image of the United States flag. The colors red, white, and blue must be displayed on the license plate. The Department shall not design, prepare, or issue these special license plates until it receives at least 1,000 applications.

In addition to other registration and license fees and taxes, applicants must pay a special plate fee of \$35 and an additional \$25 to support public solidarity after the acts of terrorism committed on September 11, 2001. When the plates are renewed each year, the recipient must pay a special renewal fee of \$10 and an additional fee of \$20 to support public solidarity after the acts of terrorism committed on September 11, 2001. The fees collected are to be distributed to the Division of Emergency Management and may be used for the following: (1) provide supplemental emergency assistance to this state or to local governments in this state that are severely and adversely affected by a natural, technological, or man-made emergency or disaster for which available resources of this state or the local government are inadequate to provide a satisfactory remedy; (2) provide financial assistance to this state or to local governments in this state to support preparedness to combat terrorism, including, without limitation, planning, training, and purchasing supplies and equipment; and (3) pay actual expenses incurred by the Division for administration during a natural, technological, or man-made emergency or disaster.

### Effective Date

This bill is effective on October 1, 2003. If the Department does not receive at least 1,000 applications for these special plates, the bill expires by limitation on October 1, 2005.