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**WISNIEWSKI BILL TO SAVE MONEY**  
**BY CREATING SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE DECALS**  
**ADVANCED BY ASSEMBLY PANEL**

(TRENTON) – Legislation sponsored by Assemblyman John Wisniewski to save taxpayer dollars by creating a new license plate decal system that would replace specialty license plates was released today by an Assembly panel.

“This new system would be a simple and cost effective way to allow service and community organizations to continue to promote their cause, while also easing the costly burden for the state to produce these plates,” said Wisniewski (D-Middlesex). “Let’s get the state out of the specialty license plate business and save taxpayers money.”

Wisniewski noted 41 specialty plates have been created to honor many worthwhile causes, but said the plates are expensive to manufacture. He said groups would only need approval from the state Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) chief administrator for a decal, rather than having to seeking approval from the Legislature and the Governor.

Several dozen bills proposing specialty plates await legislative consideration. MVC officials today said each plate costs the MVC \$88,000 to manufacture, then thousands more to advertise and promote.

“Groups looking to promote a cause wouldn’t have to fight and wait for legislative approval for their plate, and it would save the state a significant amount of money in the long run,” Wisniewski said.

Currently, the MVC manufactures special license plates that display the name of an organization, an insignia or a symbol and are issued to the public to generate funding for that organization.

Under Wisniewski’s bill (A-3713), the special license plates would be replaced by a generic license plate that contains an indentation to which the decal may be affixed.

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In place of special license plates, the MVC would issue decals that bear the slogan, insignia or name of the organization. These decals would be affixed to the generic license plate.

The bill wouldn't affect or invalidate any special license plate issued before its enactment, and the holder of a special license plate that was issued before the bill's effective date would continue to hold that special license plate.

The bill also wouldn't affect a person's ability to obtain personalized license plates.

The bill was released 11-0-1 by the Assembly Transportation, Public Works and Independent Authorities Committee, which is chaired by Wisniewski. The bill goes to the Assembly Speaker who will decide if and when to post it for a floor vote.

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