

HOUSE No. 3479

By Ms. Flanagan of Leominster, petition of Jennifer L. Flanagan and others that the Registrar of Motor Vehicles be directed to issue distinctive license plates for the establishment of a fund for the future of nursing. Transportation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE REGISTRY OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE
DISTINCTIVE LICENSE PLATES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FUND FOR
THE FUTURE OF NURSING.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 29 of the General Laws is hereby amended
2 by inserting after Section 2XX, inserted by Section 42 of Chapter
3 127 of the acts of 1999, the following section:—
4 Section 2YY. There is hereby established and set up on the books
5 of the Commonwealth a separate fund to be known as the “For
6 Future of Nursing” Fund. There shall be credited to said fund all rev-
7 enues collected from the sale of “RN” distinctive registration plates
8 issued pursuant to subsection (c) of Section 2E of Chapter 90,
9 together with any penalties, forfeitures, interest, costs of suits and
10 fines collected in connection therewith, less all amounts refunded or
11 abated in connection therewith, all as determined by the commis-
12 sioner of revenue according to his best information and belief, any
13 appropriation, grant, gift or other contribution explicitly made to
14 said fund; and any income derived from the investment of amounts

15 credited to said fund. Amounts credited to said fund shall be avail-
16 able for expenditure by the Massachusetts Nurses Foundation, Inc.
17 for the purpose of recruiting and retaining a core of registered nurses
18 through scholarships and grants to students of registered nursing
19 programs and to registered nurses seeking academic advancement.
20 Selection criteria shall be established by the Massachusetts Nurses
21 Foundation, Inc. and shall include the consideration of cultural
22 diversity among fund recipients. The registrar of motor vehicles
23 shall provide an annual accounting of the amounts credited to said
24 fund to the House and Senate committees on ways and means and to
25 the Massachusetts Nurses Foundation, Inc. There shall be an annual
26 accounting of the expenditures made by the fund prepared by an
27 independent financial firm and filed with the house and senate com-
28 mittees on ways and means and the Massachusetts Nurses Founda-
29 tion, Inc., not later than December 31 of each applicable tax year.

1 SECTION 2. Section 2E of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 1998 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding
3 the following subsection:—

4 (c) The registrar shall furnish, upon application, to owners of pri-
5 vate passenger motor vehicles who are duly licensed as a registered
6 nurse under the provisions of Chapter 112, Section 80B, distinctive
7 registration plates which shall display on the face of said plate the
8 abbreviation “RN”. There shall be a fee imposed by the registrar of
9 not less than \$25 for such plates in addition to the established regis-
10 tration fee for private passenger motor vehicles, such fee being
11 payable at the time of registration of such vehicle and at each
12 renewal thereof. The portion of the total fee remaining after the
13 deduction of costs directly attributable to the issuance of such plates
14 shall be deposited within 90 days of receipt thereof in the For the
15 Future of Nursing Fund established by Section 2YY of Chapter 29.
16 Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the
17 contrary, the registrar of motor vehicles shall make available the dis-
18 tinctive registration plates provided for in this act not later than June
19 first, two thousand and seven.