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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:
(TRA)

**AN ACT REQUIRING THE ISSUANCE OF UNITED WE STAND
COMMEMORATIVE NUMBER PLATES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2002*) (a) On and after January 1,
2 2003, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall issue United We Stand
3 commemorative number plates of a design to enhance public solidarity
4 following the acts of terrorism committed on September 11, 2001. Such
5 plates shall bear the words "United We Stand" and the image of the
6 American flag. Said design may be determined by a contest
7 coordinated by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. No use shall be
8 made of such plates except as official registration marker plates.

9 (b) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall establish, by
10 regulations adopted in accordance with chapter 54 of the general
11 statutes, a fee to be charged for United We Stand commemorative
12 number plates in addition to the regular fee or fees prescribed for the
13 registration of a motor vehicle. The fee shall be for such number plates
14 with letters and numbers selected by the Commissioner of Motor
15 Vehicles. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may establish a higher
16 fee for: (1) Such number plates which contain letters in place of

17 numbers as authorized by section 14-49 of the general statutes, in
18 addition to the fee or fees prescribed for plates issued under said
19 section 14-49; and (2) such number plates which are low number
20 plates, in accordance with section 14-160 of the general statutes, in
21 addition to the fee or fees prescribed for plates issued under said
22 section 14-160. Fifty per cent of the fees established and collected
23 pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the United We Stand
24 account established pursuant to section 2 of this act and fifty per cent
25 of such fees shall be distributed to the Rewards for Justice Fund, to be
26 contributed to the United States Department of State Rewards for
27 Justice program and used solely to apprehend terrorists and bring
28 them to justice.

29 (c) No additional renewal fee shall be charged for renewal of
30 registration for any motor vehicle bearing United We Stand
31 commemorative number plates which contain letters in place of
32 numbers, or low number plates, in excess of the renewal fee for United
33 We Stand commemorative number plates with letters and numbers
34 selected by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. No transfer fee shall
35 be charged for transfer of an existing registration to or from a
36 registration with United We Stand commemorative number plates.

37 (d) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall adopt regulations, in
38 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to
39 establish standards and procedures for the issuance, renewal and
40 replacement of United We Stand commemorative number plates.

41 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2002*) (a) There is established an
42 account to be known as the "United We Stand account" which shall be
43 a separate, nonlapsing account within the General Fund. The account
44 shall contain any moneys required by law to be deposited in the
45 account.

46 (b) The moneys in said account shall be expended by the Secretary
47 of the Office of Policy and Management for the purposes of (1)
48 providing financial support and assistance to the former spouses and

49 dependents of persons killed as a result of the acts of terrorism
50 committed on September 11, 2001, and (2) reimbursement of the
51 Department of Motor Vehicles for the cost of producing, issuing,
52 renewing and replacing United We Stand commemorative number
53 plates, including administrative expenses, pursuant to section 1 of this
54 act.

55 (c) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management may
56 receive private donations to said account and any such receipts shall
57 be deposited in said account.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2002</i>
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2002</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To require the issuance of United We Stand commemorative number plates.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]