

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1914**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Nine**  
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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 by inserting after  
2 Section 2XX, inserted by Section 42 of Chapter 127 of the Acts of 1999, the following section:-

3 Section 2YY. There is hereby established and set up on the books of the Commonwealth  
4 a separate fund to be known as the “For the Future of Nursing” Fund. There shall be credited to  
5 said fund all revenues collected from the sale of “RN” distinctive registration plates issued  
6 pursuant to subsection (c) of Section 2E of Chapter 90, together with penalties forfeitures,  
7 interest, costs of suits and fines collected in connection therewith, less all amounts refunded or  
8 abated in connection therewith, all as determined by the commissioner of revenue according to  
9 his best information and belief, any appropriation, grant, gift or other contribution explicitly  
10 made to said fund; and any income derived from the investment of amounts credited to said fund.  
11 Amounts credited to said fund shall be available for expenditure by the Massachusetts Nurses  
12 Foundation, Inc. for the purpose of recruiting and retaining a core of registered nurses through  
13 scholarships and grants to students of registered nursing programs and to registered nurses

14 seeking academic advancement. Selection criteria shall be established by the Massachusetts  
15 Nurses Foundation, Inc. and shall include the consideration of cultural diversity among fund  
16 recipients. The registrar of motor vehicles shall provide an annual accounting of the amounts  
17 credited to said fund to the House and Senate committees on ways and means and to the  
18 Massachusetts Nurses Foundation, Inc. There shall be an annual accounting of the expenditures  
19 made by the fund prepared by an independent financial firm and filed with the house and senate  
20 committees on ways and means and the Massachusetts Nurses Foundation, Inc., no later than  
21 December 31 of each applicable tax year.

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

24 (c) The registrar shall furnish, upon application, to owners of private passenger motor  
25 vehicles who are duly licensed as registered nurses under the provisions of Chapter 112, Section  
26 80B, distinctive registration plates which shall display on the face of said plate the abbreviation  
27 "RN". There shall be a fee imposed by the registrar of not less than \$25 for such plates in  
28 addition to the established registration fee for private passenger motor vehicles, such fee being  
29 payable at the time of registration of such vehicle and at each renewal thereof. The portion of  
30 the total fee remaining after the deduction of costs directly attributable to the issuance of such  
31 plates shall be deposited within 90 days of receipt thereof in the For the Future of Nursing Fund  
32 established by Section 2YY of Chapter 29. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or  
33 special law to the contrary, the register of motor vehicles shall make available the distinctive  
34 registration plates provided for in this act not later than June first, two thousand and nine.