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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. NOZZOLIO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to the issuance of distinctive plates for veterans of the Iraq conflict

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new 2 section 404-x to read as follows:

3 S 404-X. DISTINCTIVE PLATES FOR VETERANS OF THE IRAQ CONFLICT. 1. ANY 4 IRAQ CONFLICT VETERAN OR THE SPOUSE OF ANY SUCH VETERAN SHALL, UPON 5 REOUEST, BE ISSUED A LICENSE PLATE BEARING THE WORDS "IRAQ CONFLICT VETERAN". IF A DISTINCTIVE PLATE IS ISSUED TO A VETERAN PURSUANT TO THIS б 7 SECTION, SUCH A DISTINCTIVE PLATE SHALL NOT BE ISSUED TO THE SPOUSE OF 8 SUCH VETERAN. APPLICATION FOR SUCH LICENSE PLATE SHALL BE FILED WITH THE 9 IN SUCH FORM AND DETAIL AS THE COMMISSIONER SHALL COMMISSIONER 10 PRESCRIBE.

12 2. THE DISTINCTIVE PLATE AUTHORIZED IN SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION 12 SHALL BE ISSUED UPON PROOF, SATISFACTORY TO THE COMMISSIONER, THAT THE 13 APPLICANT OR THE SPOUSE OF THE APPLICANT IS AN IRAQ CONFLICT VETERAN.

14 3. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "IRAQ CONFLICT VETERAN" SHALL 15 MEAN A PERSON WHO IS A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE, WHO SERVED IN THE ARMED 16 FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE HOSTILITIES THAT OCCURRED IN IRAQ 17 COMMENCING ON THE NINETEENTH DAY OF MARCH, TWO THOUSAND THREE, AND WERE 18 HONORABLY DISCHARGED FROM THE MILITARY.

4. A DISTINCTIVE PLATE ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL BE ISSUED 19 MANNER AS OTHER NUMBER PLATES UPON PAYMENT OF THE REGULAR 20 IN THE SAME 21 REGISTRATION FEE PRESCRIBED BY SECTION FOUR HUNDRED ONE OF THIS ARTICLE 22 PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT AN ADDITIONAL ONE TIME SERVICE CHARGE OF TEN DOLLARS SHALL BE CHARGED FOR SUCH PLATE. SUCH ANNUAL 23 SERVICE CHARGE PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION FOUR HUNDRED 24 SHALL BE DEPOSITED

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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1 FOUR-OO OF THIS ARTICLE TO THE CREDIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHI-2 CLES DISTINCTIVE PLATE DEVELOPMENT FUND ESTABLISHED BY SECTION 3 NINETY-FIVE-G OF THE STATE FINANCE LAW AND SHALL BE USED FOR THE 4 PRODUCTION, DESIGN, ADVERTISING AND MARKETING OF DISTINCTIVE LICENSE 5 PLATES PURSUANT TO SUCH SECTION NINETY-FIVE-G.

5. NOTHING CONTAINED HEREIN SHALL REQUIRE THE ISSUANCE OF A SPECIAL
NUMBER PLATE UNDER THIS SECTION UNLESS THE COMMISSIONER IS SATISFIED
THAT THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF ANNUAL SERVICE CHARGES COLLECTED PURSUANT
TO SUBDIVISION FOUR OF THIS SECTION WILL BE SUFFICIENT TO RECOVER THE
COSTS OF THE DESIGN AND MANUFACTURE OF SUCH SPECIAL PLATES.

11 S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of April next succeeding 12 the date on which it shall have become a law.