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Introduced by Sens. RITCHIE, BONACIC, CROCI, DeFRANCISCO, GALLIVAN, LARKIN, MARCHIONE, RANZENHOFER, SEWARD -- 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 authorizing distinctive license plates for recipients of the Bronze or Silver star

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-dd to read as follows:

3 § 404-dd. Distinctive plates for Bronze or Silver star recipients. 1.
4 Any recipient of a Bronze star or a Silver star residing in this state
5 or the spouse of any such recipient shall, upon request, be issued a
6 license plate bearing the words "Bronze star recipient" or "Silver star
7 recipient". If a distinctive plate is issued to a Bronze or Silver star
8 recipient pursuant to this section, such a distinctive plate shall not
9 be issued to the spouse of such recipient. Application for said license
10 plate shall be filed with the commissioner in such form and detail as
11 the commissioner shall prescribe.

12 2. The distinctive plate authorized in this section shall be issued
13 upon proof, satisfactory to the commissioner, that the applicant or the
14 spouse of the applicant is a Bronze or Silver star recipient.

15 3. A distinctive plate issued pursuant to this section shall be issued
16 in the same manner as other number plates upon payment of the regular
17 registration fee prescribed by section four hundred one of this article,
18 provided, however, that an additional one-time service charge of ten
19 dollars shall be charged for such plate. Provided, however, that one
20 year after the effective date of this section, funds in the amount of
21 five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be available, shall be
22 allocated to the department to offset costs associated with the
23 production of such license plates.

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

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1 § 2. 1. A distinctive plate established pursuant to section 404-dd of
2 the vehicle and traffic law shall only be designed, produced and issued
3 upon the delivery to the department of motor vehicles of a surety bond
4 in the amount of six thousand dollars, which shall be executed by a
5 surety company authorized by the department of financial services to
6 transact business in this state. Provided, however, that if the commis-
7 sioner of motor vehicles shall have received prior to plate design,
8 production and issuance at least two hundred orders for such distinctive
9 plate together with the additional annual service charge applicable to
10 each such order, which shall be non-refundable, no such surety bond
11 shall be required. All service charges collected pursuant to this
12 section shall be deposited pursuant to the provisions of section 404-oo
13 of the vehicle and traffic law to the credit of the department of motor
14 vehicles distinctive plate development fund established by section 95-g
15 of the state finance law and shall be used for the design, production,
16 advertising and distribution of distinctive license plates in accordance
17 with such section 95-g.

18 2. If, upon the expiration of two years following the date upon which
19 distinctive plates in the series are first available for sale two
20 hundred or more sets of such plates are sold, a bond delivered pursuant
21 to this section shall be discontinued. If fewer than two hundred sets of
22 such plates are sold by such time, the department of motor vehicles
23 shall be entitled to recover against the bond in an amount proportionate
24 to such shortfall.

25 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that
26 section one of this act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth
27 day after it shall have become a law; and provided further, that effec-
28 tive immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or
29 regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective
30 date are authorized and directed to be made and completed on or before
31 such effective date.