# STATE OF NEW YORK

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# IN ASSEMBLY

July 29, 2026

Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. McDonald) -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to authorizing distinctive license plates for doctors of osteopathic medicine

**The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:**

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

**§ 404-ff. Distinctive plates for Doctors of Osteopathic Medicine. 1. Any New York state licensed Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine in this state shall, upon request in an application filed with the commissioner in such form and detail as the commissioner shall prescribe, be issued a license plate that:**

**(a) bears the letters "DO" and the word "physician" in a prominent manner.**

**(b) includes the Staff of Asclepius, consisting of a single serpent entwined around a staff.**

**(c) is formatted in a manner equivalent to the physician license plates issued to Medical Doctors.**

**2. The distinctive plate authorized herein shall be issued upon proof, satisfactory to the commissioner, that the applicant possesses a current registration certificate issued by the New York state education department and is the sole registered owner of the motor vehicle for which such plates are requested.**

**3. A distinctive plate issued pursuant to this section shall be issued in the same manner as other number plates upon payment of the regular registration fee prescribed by section four hundred one of this article and an additional annual service charge of thirty-one dollars and twenty-five cents.**

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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