

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. ROSENTHAL -- read once and referred to the  
Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to distinctive  
license plates for society for the prevention of cruelty to animals  
officers

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assem-  
bly, do enact as follows:

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

3 § 404-ff. Distinctive plates for society for the prevention of cruelty  
4 to animals officers. 1. Society for the prevention of cruelty to animals  
5 officers in this state or the spouse of any such member shall, upon  
6 request, be issued a license plate bearing the letters "S.P.C.A". If a  
7 distinctive plate is issued to any such member pursuant to this section,  
8 such a distinctive plate shall not be issued to the spouse of such  
9 member. Application for such license plate shall be filed with the  
10 commissioner in such form and detail as the commissioner shall  
11 prescribe, and shall be verified annually by the applicant.

12 2. The distinctive plate authorized in subdivision one of this section  
13 shall be issued upon proof, satisfactory to the commissioner, that the  
14 applicant or the spouse of the applicant is presently a society for the  
15 prevention of cruelty to animals officers.

16 3. A distinctive plate issued pursuant to this section shall be issued  
17 in the same manner as other number plates upon payment of the regular  
18 registration fee prescribed by section four hundred one of this article  
19 and an initial one time service charge of fifteen dollars.

20 § 2. 1. A distinctive plate established pursuant to section 404-ff of  
21 the vehicle and traffic law shall only be designed, produced and issued  
22 upon the delivery to the department of motor vehicles of a surety bond  
23 in the amount of \$6,000, which shall be executed by a surety company  
24 authorized by the department of financial services to transact business

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

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1 in this state. Provided, however, that if the commissioner of motor  
2 vehicles shall have received prior to plate design, production and iss-  
3 ance at least 200 orders for such distinctive plate together with the  
4 additional annual service charge applicable to each such order, which  
5 shall be non-refundable, no such surety bond shall be required. All  
6 service charges collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited  
7 pursuant to the provisions of section 404-00 of the vehicle and traffic  
8 law to the credit of the department of motor vehicles distinctive plate  
9 development fund established by section 95-g of the state finance law  
10 and shall be used for the design, production, advertising and distrib-  
11 ution of distinctive license plates in accordance with such section  
12 95-g.

13 2. If, upon the expiration of two years following the date upon which  
14 distinctive plates in the series are first available for sale, 200 or  
15 more sets of such plates are sold, a bond delivered pursuant to this  
16 section shall be discontinued. If fewer than 200 sets of such plates are  
17 sold by such time, the department of motor vehicles shall be entitled to  
18 recover against the bond in an amount proportionate to such shortfall.

19 § 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
20 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amend-  
21 ment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implemen-  
22 tation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and  
23 completed on or before such effective date.