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Introduced by Sens. TEDISCO, ORTT -- 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 requiring that license plates be inspected during safety inspections and waiving fees for the issuance of certain license plates

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (c) of section 301 of the vehicle and traffic
2 law is amended by adding a new paragraph 4 to read as follows:

3 (4) A safety inspection shall also include a visual inspection of the
4 vehicle's license plates. Whenever a license plate shall have become so
5 delaminated, or otherwise damaged or worn as to become illegible, such
6 license plate shall not meet the proper and safe condition requirements
7 of subdivision (a) of section three hundred four of this article. A
8 license plate shall be deemed to be illegible when at least one of the
9 license plate's numbers or letters cannot be read because: (a) more than
10 one-third of a number or letter lacks color due to delamination or other
11 damage, including but not limited to fading; or (b) the license plate is
12 missing one or more pieces and such piece or pieces includes more than
13 one-third of a number or letter. The inclusion of the visual inspection
14 of a vehicle's license plates in the safety inspection pursuant to the
15 provisions of this paragraph shall not result in an increase in the
16 safety inspection fee allowed to be charged.

17 § 2. Subdivision 3 of section 401 of the vehicle and traffic law is
18 amended by adding a new paragraph e to read as follows:

19 e. The commissioner shall waive the payment of fees required by para-
20 graph a of this subdivision if the number license plates applied for are
21 required due to a change in license plate design, or if replacement
22 license plates are required as the result of a failed inspection of the
23 license plates as described in paragraph four of subdivision (c) of
24 section three hundred one of this chapter. In both cases the owner hold-

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

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1 ing the certificate of registration shall be entitled to the same
2 license plate number at no additional cost.
3 § 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
4 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately the addition, amend-
5 ment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implemen-
6 tation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and
7 completed on or before such date.