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Introduced by Sens. OBERACKER, ASHBY, BORRELLO, GALLIVAN, HELMING, MATTERA, MURRAY, ORTT, RHOADS, ROLISON, WEIK -- 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 eliminating additional fees for special license plates issued to veterans

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1-a of section 404 of the vehicle and traffic  
2 law, as amended by chapter 105 of the laws of 2017, is amended to read  
3 as follows:

4 1-a. The commissioner may issue special number plates to applicants  
5 who are members of veterans organizations in the same manner as other  
6 number plates are issued pursuant to this article. Such special number  
7 plates shall be issued ~~[only]~~ upon ~~[(a)]~~ payment of ~~[a one-time service~~  
8 ~~charge of ten dollars in addition to]~~ the regular registration fee  
9 prescribed by section four hundred one of this article, and ~~[(b)]~~  
10 submission of proof, satisfactory to the commissioner, that the appli-  
11 cant is presently a member of the veterans organization for which such  
12 plate is requested. Such membership shall be verified annually by the  
13 applicant. Application for such plates shall be made in accordance with  
14 regulations promulgated by the commissioner with respect to the issuance  
15 of such plates. Provided, however, that nothing contained herein shall  
16 be deemed to supersede the provisions of section four hundred four-d,  
17 four hundred four-e, four hundred four-h, four hundred four-i, four  
18 hundred four-j, four hundred four-k, four hundred four-p, four hundred  
19 four-aa, or four hundred four-dd of this article.

20 § 2. Subdivision 3 of section 404-h of the vehicle and traffic law, as  
21 amended by chapter 415 of the laws of 2001, is amended to read as  
22 follows:

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

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1 3. A distinctive plate issued pursuant to this section shall be issued  
2 in the same manner as other number plates upon payment of the regular  
3 registration fee prescribed by section four hundred one of this article  
4 [~~provided, however, that an additional one-time service charge of ten~~  
5 ~~dollars shall be charged for such plate~~].

6 § 3. Subdivision 4 of section 404-j of the vehicle and traffic law, as  
7 amended by chapter 415 of the laws of 2001, is amended to read as  
8 follows:

9 4. Fee. A special plate and registration issued pursuant to this  
10 section shall be issued upon payment of the regular registration fee  
11 prescribed by section four hundred one of this article [~~provided, howev-~~  
12 ~~er, that an additional one-time service charge of ten dollars shall be~~  
13 ~~charged for such plate~~].

14 § 4. Subdivision 3 of section 404-v of the vehicle and traffic law, as  
15 amended by chapter 490 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as  
16 follows:

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

26 § 5. Subdivision 3 of section 404-w of the vehicle and traffic law, as  
27 added by chapter 105 of the laws of 2005, is amended to read as follows:

28 3. A distinctive plate issued pursuant to this section shall be issued  
29 in the same manner as other number plates upon payment of the regular  
30 registration fee prescribed by section four hundred one of this arti-  
31 cle[~~, provided, however, that an additional one-time service charge of~~  
32 ~~ten dollars shall be charged for such plate~~].

33 § 6. Subdivision 4 of section 404-w of the vehicle and traffic law, as  
34 added by chapter 493 of the laws of 2005, is amended to read as follows:

35 4. A distinctive plate issued pursuant to this section shall be issued  
36 in the same manner as other number plates upon payment of the regular  
37 registration fee prescribed by section four hundred one of this article  
38 [~~provided, however, that an additional one-time service charge of ten~~  
39 ~~dollars shall be charged for such plate~~].

40 § 7. Subdivision 3 of section 404-aa of the vehicle and traffic law,  
41 as added by chapter 103 of the laws of 2016, is amended to read as  
42 follows:

43 3. A distinctive plate issued pursuant to this section shall be issued  
44 in the same manner as other number plates upon payment of the regular  
45 registration fee prescribed by section four hundred one of this arti-  
46 cle[~~, provided, however, that an additional one-time service charge of~~  
47 ~~ten dollars shall be charged for such plate~~].

48 § 8. This act shall take effect on the first of April next succeeding  
49 the date on which it shall have become a law.