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Introduced by M. of A. CUSICK, ABBATE, BENEDETTO, BRODSKY, COLTON, ENGLEBRIGHT, SCHIMMINGER, MILLMAN -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. BOYLAND, COOK, DIAZ, FARRELL, GUNTHER, KOON, LAVINE, MAYERSOHN, REILLY, SWEENEY -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to authorizing the issuance of distinctive license plates for family members of paid professional firefighters who died in the line-of-duty

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-x to read as follows:

3 S 404-X. DISTINCTIVE LICENSE PLATES FOR FAMILY MEMBERS OF PAID PROFES-  
4 SIONAL FIREFIGHTERS WHO DIED IN THE LINE-OF-DUTY. 1. FOR PURPOSES OF  
5 THIS SECTION, "FAMILY MEMBERS OF A PAID PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTER WHO  
6 DIED IN THE LINE-OF-DUTY" SHALL MEAN A SPOUSE, REGISTERED DOMESTIC PART-  
7 NER, PARENT, SIBLING OR CHILD OF A PAID PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTER WHO  
8 DIED IN THE COURSE OF HIS OR HER EMPLOYMENT OR PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES AS  
9 A FIREFIGHTER.

10 2. ANY FAMILY MEMBER OF A PAID PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTER WHO DIED IN  
11 THE LINE-OF-DUTY AND WHO RESIDES IN THIS STATE SHALL, UPON REQUEST, BE  
12 ISSUED A DISTINCTIVE LICENSE PLATE BEARING THE WORDS "SURVIVOR OF THE  
13 BRAVEST" OF A DESIGN APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER. APPLICATION FOR SUCH  
14 LICENSE PLATE SHALL BE FILED WITH THE COMMISSIONER IN SUCH FORM AND  
15 DETAIL AS THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PRESCRIBE AND SHALL BE VERIFIED ANNUAL-  
16 LY BY THE APPLICANT.

17 3. A DISTINCTIVE PLATE AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION TWO OF THIS  
18 SECTION SHALL BE ISSUED UPON PROOF, SATISFACTORY TO THE COMMISSIONER,  
19 THAT THE APPLICANT IS A FAMILY MEMBER OF A PAID PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTER  
20 WHO DIED IN THE LINE-OF-DUTY.

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

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1 4. 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 ANNUAL SERVICE CHARGE OF  
5 TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS SHALL BE CHARGED FOR SUCH PLATE. SUCH ANNUAL  
6 SERVICE CHARGE SHALL BE DEPOSITED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION  
7 FOUR HUNDRED FOUR-00 OF THIS ARTICLE TO THE CREDIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
8 MOTOR VEHICLES DISTINCTIVE PLATE DEVELOPMENT FUND ESTABLISHED BY SECTION  
9 NINETY-FIVE-G OF THE STATE FINANCE LAW AND SHALL BE USED FOR THE  
10 PRODUCTION, DESIGN, ADVERTISING AND MARKETING OF DISTINCTIVE LICENSE  
11 PLATES PURSUANT TO SUCH SECTION NINETY-FIVE-G.

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