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Introduced by M. of A. BENJAMIN, FINCH, ROBINSON, CUSICK, GREENE, PHEF-FER, GABRYSZAK, SPANO, SCHIMMINGER, DelMONTE, ESPAILLAT -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. ABBATE, ALFANO, CALHOUN, CONTE, DIAZ, DUPREY, ERRIGO, KOON, McKEVITT, MOLINARO, QUINN, RAIA, REILLY, J. RIVERA, THIELE, TOWNSEND, WALKER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to providing for distinctive license plates for members of the clergy

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:

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- S 404-X. DISTINCTIVE PLATES FOR MEMBERS OF THE CLERGY. 1. ANY MEMBER OF THE CLERGY RESIDING IN THIS STATE SHALL, UPON REQUEST, BE ISSUED A LICENSE PLATE BEARING THE WORD "CLERGY". APPLICATION FOR SAID LICENSE PLATE SHALL BE FILED WITH THE COMMISSIONER IN SUCH FORM AND DETAIL AS THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PRESCRIBE.
- 8 2. THE DISTINCTIVE PLATE AUTHORIZED BY THIS SECTION SHALL BE ISSUED 9 UPON PROOF, SATISFACTORY TO THE COMMISSIONER, THAT THE APPLICANT IS A 10 MEMBER OF THE CLERGY INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO DULY ORDAINED 11 CHAPLAINS.
- 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.
- 15 S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of April next succeeding 16 the date on which 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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