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AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to distinctive plates for volunteer fire chiefs

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

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

S 404-X. DISTINCTIVE PLATES FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE CHIEFS. 1. ANY CHIEF OF ANY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OR COMPANY IN THIS STATE OR THE SPOUSE OF ANY SUCH CHIEF SHALL, UPON REQUEST, BE ISSUED A LICENSE PLATE BEARING A MALTESE CROSS AND THE WORDS "VOLUNTEER FIRE CHIEF". IF A DISTINCTIVE PLATE IS ISSUED TO ANY SUCH CHIEF PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, SUCH A DISTINCTIVE PLATE SHALL NOT BE ISSUED TO THE SPOUSE OF SUCH CHIEF. APPLICATION FOR SUCH LICENSE PLATE SHALL BE FILED WITH THE COMMISSIONER IN SUCH FORM AND DETAIL AS THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PRESCRIBE, AND SHALL BE VERIFIED ANNUALLY BY THE APPLICANT.

2. THE DISTINCTIVE PLATE AUTHORIZED IN SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE ISSUED UPON PROOF, SATISFACTORY TO THE COMMISSIONER, THAT THE APPLICANT OR THE SPOUSE OF THE APPLICANT IS PRESENTLY AN ACTIVE CHIEF OF A VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OR COMPANY.

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 AND AN INITIAL ONE TIME SERVICE CHARGE OF FIFTEEN DOLLARS.

4. NOTHING CONTAINED IN THIS SECTION SHALL REQUIRE THE ISSUANCE OF A SPECIAL NUMBER PLATE UNDER THIS SECTION UNLESS THE COMMISSIONER IS SATISFIED THAT THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF ANNUAL SERVICE CHARGES COLLECTED PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION THREE OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE SUFFICIENT TO RECOVER THE COSTS OF THE DESIGN AND MANUFACTURE OF SUCH SPECIAL PLATES.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of April next succeeding 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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