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AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to the issuance of distinctive plates for veterans of the Iraq conflict

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 PLATES FOR VETERANS OF THE IRAQ CONFLICT. 1. ANY
4 IRAQ CONFLICT VETERAN OR THE SPOUSE OF ANY SUCH VETERAN SHALL, UPON
5 REQUEST, BE ISSUED A LICENSE PLATE BEARING THE WORDS "IRAQ CONFLICT
6 VETERAN". IF A DISTINCTIVE PLATE IS ISSUED TO A VETERAN PURSUANT TO THIS
7 SECTION, SUCH A DISTINCTIVE PLATE SHALL NOT BE ISSUED TO THE SPOUSE OF
8 SUCH VETERAN. APPLICATION FOR SUCH LICENSE PLATE SHALL BE FILED WITH THE
9 COMMISSIONER IN SUCH FORM AND DETAIL AS THE COMMISSIONER SHALL
10 PRESCRIBE.
11 2. THE DISTINCTIVE PLATE AUTHORIZED IN SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION
12 SHALL BE ISSUED UPON PROOF, SATISFACTORY TO THE COMMISSIONER, THAT THE
13 APPLICANT OR THE SPOUSE OF THE APPLICANT IS AN IRAQ CONFLICT VETERAN.
14 3. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "IRAQ CONFLICT VETERAN" SHALL
15 MEAN A PERSON WHO IS A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE, WHO SERVED IN THE ARMED
16 FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE HOSTILITIES THAT OCCURRED IN IRAQ
17 COMMENCING ON THE NINETEENTH DAY OF MARCH, TWO THOUSAND THREE, AND WERE
18 HONORABLY DISCHARGED FROM THE MILITARY.
19 4. A DISTINCTIVE PLATE ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL BE ISSUED
20 IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER NUMBER PLATES UPON PAYMENT OF THE REGULAR
21 REGISTRATION FEE PRESCRIBED BY SECTION FOUR HUNDRED ONE OF THIS ARTICLE
22 PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT AN ADDITIONAL ONE TIME SERVICE CHARGE OF TEN
23 DOLLARS SHALL BE CHARGED FOR SUCH PLATE. SUCH ANNUAL SERVICE CHARGE
24 SHALL BE DEPOSITED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION FOUR HUNDRED
25 FOUR-00 OF THIS ARTICLE TO THE CREDIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHI-

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

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1 CLES DISTINCTIVE PLATE DEVELOPMENT FUND ESTABLISHED BY SECTION
2 NINETY-FIVE-G OF THE STATE FINANCE LAW AND SHALL BE USED FOR THE
3 PRODUCTION, DESIGN, ADVERTISING AND MARKETING OF DISTINCTIVE LICENSE
4 PLATES PURSUANT TO SUCH SECTION NINETY-FIVE-G.
5 5. NOTHING CONTAINED HEREIN SHALL REQUIRE THE ISSUANCE OF A SPECIAL
6 NUMBER PLATE UNDER THIS SECTION UNLESS THE COMMISSIONER IS SATISFIED
7 THAT THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF ANNUAL SERVICE CHARGES COLLECTED PURSUANT
8 TO SUBDIVISION FOUR OF THIS SECTION WILL BE SUFFICIENT TO RECOVER THE
9 COSTS OF THE DESIGN AND MANUFACTURE OF SUCH SPECIAL PLATES.
10 S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of April next succeeding
11 the date on which it shall have become a law.