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AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to authorizing the issuance of distinctive license plates to members of a community emergency response team

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 MEMBERS OF A COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM. 1. ANY MEMBER OF A COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM SHALL, UPON REQUEST, BE ISSUED A LICENSE PLATE BEARING THE EMBLEM AND WORDS "C.E.R.T. MEMBER." APPLICATION FOR SAID 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 IS PRESENTLY AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF A COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM.

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 ADDITIONAL ANNUAL SERVICE CHARGE OF TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS.

4. NOTHING CONTAINED HEREIN 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 WILL BE SUFFICIENT TO RECOVER THE COSTS OF THE DESIGN AND MANUFACTURE OF SUCH SPECIAL NUMBER PLATES.

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

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S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of April next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law, except that any rules and regulations necessary for the timely implementation of this act on its effective date shall be promulgated on or before such date.