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IN SENATE -- Introduced by Sen. LAVALLE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation

IN ASSEMBLY -- Introduced by M. of A. TOWNS -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law and the state finance law, in relation to authorizing distinctive license plates for former members of the New York state legislature

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 "FORMER MEMBER OF THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE" LICENSE PLATES. 1. ANY FORMER MEMBER OF THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE RESIDING IN THIS STATE SHALL UPON REQUEST BE ISSUED A DISTINCTIVE LICENSE PLATE BEARING THE WORDS "FORMER MEMBER OF THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE". APPLICATION FOR SAID LICENSE PLATES SHALL BE FILED WITH THE COMMISSIONER IN SUCH FORM AND DETAIL AS THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PRESCRIBE.

2. ANY DISTINCTIVE PLATE ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL BE ISSUED IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER NUMBER PLATES UPON THE PAYMENT OF THE REGULAR REGISTRATION FEE PRESCRIBED BY SECTION FOUR HUNDRED ONE OF THIS ARTICLE PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT AN ADDITIONAL ANNUAL SERVICE CHARGE OF TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS SHALL BE CHARGED FOR SUCH PLATE. TWENTY DOLLARS OF EACH SUCH TWENTY-FIVE DOLLAR ANNUAL SERVICE CHARGE SHALL BE DEPOSITED TO THE CREDIT OF THE "FORMER MEMBER OF THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE TRUST FUND" ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION NINETY-NINE-T OF THE STATE FINANCE LAW AND SHALL BE USED FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PURPOSES AS SET FORTH IN SUBDIVISION SIX OF SECTION NINETY-TWO-S OF THE STATE FINANCE LAW. PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT ONE YEAR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS

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

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SECTION, FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE AVAILABLE, SHALL BE ALLOCATED TO THE DEPARTMENT TO OFFSET COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PRODUCTION OF SUCH LICENSE PLATES.

S 2. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 99-t to read as follows:

S 99-T. FORMER MEMBER OF THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE TRUST FUND. 1. THERE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED IN THE JOINT CUSTODY OF THE COMMISSIONER OF TAXATION AND FINANCE AND THE COMPTROLLER, A SPECIAL FUND TO BE KNOWN AS THE "FORMER MEMBER OF THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE TRUST FUND".

2. SUCH FUND SHALL CONSIST OF ALL REVENUES RECEIVED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION FOUR HUNDRED FOUR-X OF THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW AND ALL OTHER MONEYS APPROPRIATED, CREDITED, OR TRANSFERRED THERETO FROM ANY OTHER FUND OR SOURCE PURSUANT TO LAW. NOTHING CONTAINED IN THIS SECTION SHALL PREVENT THE STATE FROM RECEIVING GRANTS, GIFTS OR BEQUESTS FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE FUND AS DEFINED IN THIS SECTION AND DEPOSITING THEM INTO THE FUND ACCORDING TO LAW.

3. MONIES OF THE FUND SHALL BE EXPENDED ONLY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PURPOSES AS SET FORTH IN SUBDIVISION SIX OF SECTION NINETY-TWO-S OF THIS ARTICLE.

4. MONIES SHALL BE PAYABLE FROM THE FUND ON THE AUDIT AND WARRANT OF THE COMPTROLLER ON VOUCHERS APPROVED AND CERTIFIED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION.

5. TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, THE COMMISSIONER OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION SHALL ENSURE THAT ALL MONIES RECEIVED DURING A FISCAL YEAR ARE EXPENDED PRIOR TO THE END OF THAT FISCAL YEAR.

S 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law; provided, however, that effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date is authorized and directed to be made and completed on or before such effective date.