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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:

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 "FORMER MEMBER OF THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE"
4 LICENSE PLATES. 1. ANY FORMER MEMBER OF THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE
5 RESIDING IN THIS STATE SHALL UPON REQUEST BE ISSUED A DISTINCTIVE
6 LICENSE PLATE BEARING THE WORDS "FORMER MEMBER OF THE NEW YORK STATE
7 LEGISLATURE". APPLICATION FOR SAID LICENSE PLATES SHALL BE FILED WITH
8 THE COMMISSIONER IN SUCH FORM AND DETAIL AS THE COMMISSIONER SHALL
9 PRESCRIBE.
10 2. ANY DISTINCTIVE PLATE ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL BE
11 ISSUED IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER NUMBER PLATES UPON THE PAYMENT OF THE
12 REGULAR REGISTRATION FEE PRESCRIBED BY SECTION FOUR HUNDRED ONE OF THIS
13 ARTICLE PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT AN ADDITIONAL ANNUAL SERVICE CHARGE OF
14 TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS SHALL BE CHARGED FOR SUCH PLATE. TWENTY DOLLARS OF
15 EACH SUCH TWENTY-FIVE DOLLAR ANNUAL SERVICE CHARGE SHALL BE DEPOSITED TO
16 THE CREDIT OF THE "FORMER MEMBER OF THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE TRUST
17 FUND" ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION NINETY-NINE-T OF THE STATE FINANCE
18 LAW AND SHALL BE USED FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PURPOSES AS SET FORTH
19 IN SUBDIVISION SIX OF SECTION NINETY-TWO-S OF THE STATE FINANCE LAW.
20 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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1 SECTION, FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS, OR SO MUCH THERE-
2 OF AS MAY BE AVAILABLE, SHALL BE ALLOCATED TO THE DEPARTMENT TO OFFSET
3 COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PRODUCTION OF SUCH LICENSE PLATES.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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