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

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to establishing distinctive license plates for the support New York state entertainment program; and to amend the state finance law, in relation to establishing the New York state film and television production marketing fund

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 THE SUPPORT NEW YORK STATE ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM. 1. ANY PERSON RESIDING IN THIS STATE SHALL, UPON REQUEST, BE ISSUED A DISTINCTIVE LICENSE PLATE SUPPORTING NEW YORK STATE ENTERTAINMENT OF A DESIGN APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER. APPLICATION FOR SUCH LICENSE PLATE SHALL BE FILED WITH THE COMMISSIONER IN SUCH FORM AND DETAIL AS THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PRESCRIBE.

2. A 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. SUCH ANNUAL SERVICE CHARGE SHALL BE DEPOSITED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION FOUR HUNDRED FOUR-OO OF THIS ARTICLE TO THE CREDIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES DISTINCTIVE PLATE DEVELOPMENT FUND ESTABLISHED BY SECTION NINETY-FIVE-G OF THE STATE FINANCE LAW, AND SHALL BE USED FOR THE PRODUCTION, DESIGN, ADVERTISING AND MARKETING OF DISTINCTIVE LICENSE PLATES PURSUANT TO SUCH SECTION NINETY-FIVE-G; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT ANNUAL SERVICE CHARGES COLLECTED IN EXCESS OF SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS SHALL BE DEPOSITED TO THE CREDIT OF THE "NEW YORK STATE FILM AND TELEVISION PRODUCTION MARKETING FUND" ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION NINETY-SEV-

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

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EN-JJJJ OF THE STATE FINANCE LAW AND SHALL BE USED FOR FILM AND TELEVISION PRODUCTION MARKETING PROGRAMS PURSUANT TO SUCH SECTION NINETY-SEVEN-JJJJ.

S 2. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 97-jjjj to read as follows:

S 97-JJJJ. THE NEW YORK STATE FILM AND TELEVISION PRODUCTION MARKETING 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 NEW YORK STATE FILM AND TELEVISION PRODUCTION MARKETING FUND.

2. SUCH FUND SHALL CONSIST OF ALL REVENUES RECEIVED PURSUANT TO AN APPROPRIATION BY THE LEGISLATURE, ALL MONEYS COLLECTED PURSUANT TO 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. (A) MONIES OF THE FUND SHALL BE EXPENDED ONLY FOR FILM AND TELEVISION PRODUCTION MARKETING PROGRAMS.

(B) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, FILM AND TELEVISION PRODUCTION MARKETING PROGRAMS MEAN ACTIVITIES, APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TO PROMOTE AND ENCOURAGE THE OCCURRENCE, IN NEW YORK STATE, OF FILM AND TELEVISION PRODUCTION.

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 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

5. TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, THE COMMISSIONER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 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. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made on or before such effective date.