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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 armed forces of the United States

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 VETERANS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES. 1. ANY VETERAN OF THE ARMY, NAVY, AIR FORCE, MARINE CORPS, COAST GUARD OR MERCHANT MARINE OF THE UNITED STATES OR THE SPOUSE OF ANY SUCH VETERAN SHALL, UPON REQUEST, BE ISSUED A LICENSE PLATE BEARING THE WORDS "UNITED STATES ARMY VETERAN", "UNITED STATES NAVY VETERAN", "UNITED STATES AIR FORCE VETERAN", "UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS VETERAN", "UNITED STATES COAST GUARD VETERAN" OR "UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE VETERAN", RESPECTIVELY. IF A DISTINCTIVE PLATE IS ISSUED TO A VETERAN PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, SUCH A DISTINCTIVE PLATE SHALL NOT BE ISSUED TO THE SPOUSE OF SUCH VETERAN. APPLICATION FOR SUCH LICENSE PLATE SHALL BE FILED WITH THE COMMISSIONER IN SUCH FORM AND DETAIL AS THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PRESCRIBE.

2. THE DISTINCTIVE PLATE AUTHORIZED IN SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE ISSUED UPON PROOF, SATISFACTORY TO THE COMMISSIONER, THAT THE APPLICANT IS A VETERAN OF THE ARMY, NAVY, AIR FORCE, MARINE CORPS, COAST GUARD OR MERCHANT MARINE OF THE UNITED STATES, OR THE SPOUSE OF SUCH VETERAN.

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 PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT AN ADDITIONAL ONE TIME SERVICE CHARGE OF TEN DOLLARS SHALL BE CHARGED FOR SUCH PLATE.

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

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4. NOTHING CONTAINED IN THIS SECTION 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 PLATES.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.