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

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to the issuance of distinctive plates for veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts

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 IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN CONFLICTS. 1. ANY IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN CONFLICT VETERAN OR THE SPOUSE OF ANY SUCH VETERAN SHALL, UPON REQUEST, BE ISSUED A LICENSE PLATE BEARING THE WORDS "IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN CONFLICT VETERAN". 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 OR THE SPOUSE OF THE APPLICANT IS AN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN CONFLICT VETERAN.

3. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN CONFLICT VETERAN" SHALL MEAN A PERSON WHO IS A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE, WHO SERVED IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE HOSTILITIES THAT OCCURRED IN IRAQ COMMENCING ON THE NINETEENTH DAY OF MARCH, TWO THOUSAND THREE AND IN AFGHANISTAN COMMENCING THE SEVENTH DAY OF OCTOBER IN TWO THOUSAND ONE, AND WERE HONORABLY DISCHARGED FROM THE MILITARY.

4. 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

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

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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.

5. 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 FOUR 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 April next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.