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I N A S S E M B L Y

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on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to establishing
distinctive "Support Our Troops" plates; and to amend the state
finance law, in relation to creating a Support Our Troops, Inc. fund

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-
BLY, 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 "SUPPORT OUR TROOPS" PLATES. 1. ANY PERSON RESID-
4 ING IN THIS STATE SHALL, UPON REQUEST, BE ISSUED A DISTINCTIVE "SUPPORT
5 OUR TROOPS" LICENSE PLATE OF DESIGN SUBMITTED BY THE SPONSORING ORGAN-
6 IZATION AND APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER, WHICH DESIGN MAY INCLUDE THE
7 SPONSORING ORGANIZATION'S TRADEMARK "SUPPORT OUR TROOPS!" OR "SALUTE OUR
8 HEROES!," ITS TRADEMARK LOGO, AND ITS WEBSITE DOMAIN ADDRESS. APPLICA-
9 TION FOR SAID LICENSE PLATE SHALL BE FILED WITH THE COMMISSIONER IN SUCH
10 FORM AND DETAIL AS THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PRESCRIBE.
11 2. THE DISTINCTIVE "SUPPORT OUR TROOPS" LICENSE PLATES ISSUED PURSUANT
12 TO THIS SECTION SHALL BE ISSUED IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER NUMBER
13 PLATES UPON PAYMENT OF THE REGULAR REGISTRATION FEE PRESCRIBED BY
14 SECTION FOUR HUNDRED ONE OF THIS ARTICLE AND AN ADDITIONAL ANNUAL
15 SERVICE CHARGE OF TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS. TWENTY DOLLARS FROM EACH TWENTY-
16 FIVE DOLLARS RECEIVED AS ANNUAL SERVICE CHARGES UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL
17 BE DEPOSITED AS A ROYALTY TO THE CREDIT OF THE SUPPORT OUR TROOPS, INC.
18 FUND, ESTABLISHED AS A REVOLVING FUND PURSUANT TO SECTION NINETY-NINE-U
19 OF THE STATE FINANCE LAW.
20 3. PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT ONE YEAR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS
21 SECTION, FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS, OR SO MUCH THERE-
22 OF AS MAY BE AVAILABLE, SHALL BE ALLOCATED FROM SUCH FUND TO THE DEPART-
23 MENT TO OFFSET COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PRODUCTION OF SUCH LICENSE
24 PLATES, TOGETHER WITH AN ADDITIONAL FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS TO OFFSET
25 COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH PRODUCTION OF THE PLATE IN MOTORCYCLE SIZE.
26 S 2. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 99-u to
27 read as follows:

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

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1 S 99-U. SUPPORT OUR TROOPS, INC. FUND. 1. THERE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED
2 IN THE JOINT CUSTODY OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER AND THE COMMISSIONER OF
3 TAXATION AND FINANCE A FUND TO BE KNOWN AS THE SUPPORT OUR TROOPS, INC.
4 FUND.

5 2. SUCH FUND SHALL CONSIST OF ALL MONEYS COLLECTED PURSUANT TO SECTION
6 FOUR HUNDRED FOUR-X OF THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW, AND ALL OTHER MONEYS
7 CREDITED OR TRANSFERRED THERETO FROM ANY OTHER FUND OR SOURCE PURSUANT
8 TO LAW, PROVIDED THAT SECTION FOUR HUNDRED FOUR-X OF THE VEHICLE AND
9 TRAFFIC LAW SHALL CONTROL THE METHOD OF PAYMENT FOR THE COSTS OF PRODUC-
10 ING THE DISTINCTIVE LICENSE PLATES AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO SUCH SECTION
11 OF THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW.

12 3. MONEYS SHALL BE PAID OUT OF THE FUND TO THE SUPPORT OUR TROOPS,
13 INC., ORGANIZED PURSUANT TO SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE
14 CODE, ON THE REQUEST OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
15 SUPPORT OUR TROOPS, INC. ANY INTEREST RECEIVED BY THE COMPTROLLER ON
16 MONEYS ON DEPOSIT IN THE SUPPORT OUR TROOPS, INC. FUND SHALL BE RETAINED
17 IN AND BECOME PART OF SUCH FUND. NO MONEY FROM SUCH FUND MAY BE WITH-
18 DRAWN, TRANSFERRED, OR USED BY ANY PERSON FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN AS
19 PERMITTED BY THIS SECTION.

20 S 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
21 it shall have become a law.