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Introduced by Sens. JOHNSON, LANZA, LARKIN, LIBOUS, MAZIARZ, McDONALD, O'MARA, ZELDIN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to providing for the designation of veterans on drivers' licenses

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1.     Subdivision 1 of section 502 of the vehicle and traffic  
2 law, as amended by section 2 of part CC of chapter 58 of the laws of  
3 2011, is amended to read as follows:  
4     1. Application for license. Application for a driver's license shall  
5 be made to the commissioner. The fee prescribed by law may be submitted  
6 with such application. The applicant shall furnish such proof of identity,  
7 age, and fitness as may be required by the commissioner. The commissioner  
8 may also provide that the application procedure shall include the taking  
9 of a photo image or images of the applicant in accordance with  
10 rules and regulations prescribed by the commissioner. In addition, the  
11 commissioner also shall require that the applicant provide his or her  
12 social security number and provide space on the application so that the  
13 applicant may register in the New York state organ and tissue donor  
14 registry under section forty-three hundred ten of the public health law.  
15 FURTHERMORE, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PROVIDE SPACE ON THE APPLICATION SO  
16 THAT THE APPLICANT MAY, UPON SUBMISSION OF A COPY OF HIS OR HER DD FORM  
17 214, APPLY FOR NOTATION ON SUCH APPLICANT'S LICENSE AS A VETERAN OF THE  
18 ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES. In addition, an applicant for a  
19 commercial driver's license who will operate a commercial motor vehicle  
20 in interstate commerce shall certify that such applicant meets the  
21 requirements to operate a commercial motor vehicle, as set forth in  
22 public law 99-570, title XII, and title 49 of the code of federal regulations,  
23 and all regulations promulgated by the United States secretary  
24 of transportation under the hazardous materials transportation act. In  
25 addition, an applicant for a commercial driver's license shall submit a  
26 medical certificate at such intervals as required by the federal motor  
27 carrier safety improvement act of 1999 and Part 383.71(h) of title 49 of

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

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1 the code of federal regulations relating to medical certification and in  
2 a manner prescribed by the commissioner. For purposes of this section  
3 and sections five hundred three and five hundred ten-a of this title,  
4 the term "medical certificate" shall mean a form substantially in  
5 compliance with the form set forth in Part 391.43(h) of title 49 of the  
6 code of federal regulations. Upon a determination that the holder of a  
7 commercial driver's license has made any false statement, with respect  
8 to the application for such license, the commissioner shall revoke such  
9 license.

10 S 2. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 of section 504 of the vehicle and  
11 traffic law, as separately amended by chapters 568 and 639 of the laws  
12 of 2006, is amended to read as follows:

13 (a) Every license or renewal thereof shall contain a distinguishing  
14 mark and adequate space upon which an anatomical gift, pursuant to  
15 section forty-three hundred ten of the public health law, by the licen-  
16 see shall be recorded and shall contain such other information and shall  
17 be issued in such form as the commissioner shall determine; provided,  
18 however, every license or renewal thereof issued to a person under the  
19 age of twenty-one years shall have prominently imprinted upon it the  
20 statement "UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE" in notably distinctive print or  
21 format; PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT EVERY LICENSE OR RENEWAL THEREOF ISSUED  
22 TO A PERSON WHO PROVIDES SUCH PROOF, AS THE COMMISSIONER SHALL DETERMINE  
23 TO BE SUITABLE INCLUDING A DD FORM 214, THAT SUCH PERSON IS A VETERAN OF  
24 THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES SHALL HAVE PROMINENTLY IMPRINTED  
25 UPON IT THE STATEMENT "U.S. VETERAN"; provided further, however, every  
26 license or renewal thereof issued to a person making an anatomical gift  
27 shall have prominently printed upon the front of such license or renewal  
28 thereof the statement "ORGAN DONOR" in notably distinctive print or  
29 format. The commissioner shall not require fees for the issuance of such  
30 licenses or renewals thereof to persons under twenty-one years of age or  
31 to persons making an anatomical gift which are different from the fees  
32 required for the issuance of licenses or renewals thereof to persons  
33 twenty-one years of age or over or to persons not making an anatomical  
34 gift.

35 S 3. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeed-  
36 ing the date on which it shall have become a law.