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Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. P. RIVERA -- read once and referred to  
the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law and the state finance law,  
in relation to authorizing distinctive license plates for former  
members of the New York state legislature

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 "FORMER MEMBER OF THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE"  
4     LICENSE PLATES. 1. ANY FORMER MEMBER OF THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE  
5     RESIDING IN THIS STATE SHALL UPON REQUEST BE ISSUED A DISTINCTIVE  
6     LICENSE PLATE BEARING THE WORDS "FORMER MEMBER OF THE NEW YORK STATE  
7     LEGISLATURE". APPLICATION FOR SAID LICENSE PLATES SHALL BE FILED WITH  
8     THE COMMISSIONER IN SUCH FORM AND DETAIL AS THE COMMISSIONER SHALL  
9     PRESCRIBE.  
10    2. ANY DISTINCTIVE PLATE ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL BE  
11    ISSUED IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER NUMBER PLATES UPON THE PAYMENT OF THE  
12    REGULAR REGISTRATION FEE PRESCRIBED BY SECTION FOUR HUNDRED ONE OF THIS  
13    ARTICLE PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT AN ADDITIONAL ANNUAL SERVICE CHARGE OF  
14    TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS SHALL BE CHARGED FOR SUCH PLATE. TWENTY DOLLARS OF  
15    EACH SUCH TWENTY-FIVE DOLLAR ANNUAL SERVICE CHARGE SHALL BE DEPOSITED TO  
16    THE CREDIT OF THE "FORMER MEMBER OF THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE TRUST  
17    FUND" ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION NINETY-NINE-T OF THE STATE FINANCE  
18    LAW AND SHALL BE USED FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PURPOSES AS SET FORTH  
19    IN SUBDIVISION SIX OF SECTION NINETY-TWO-S OF THE STATE FINANCE LAW.  
20    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 TO THE DEPARTMENT TO OFFSET  
23    COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PRODUCTION OF SUCH LICENSE PLATES.

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

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1 S 2. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 99-t to  
2 read as follows:

3 S 99-T. FORMER MEMBER OF THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE TRUST FUND. 1.  
4 THERE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED IN THE JOINT CUSTODY OF THE COMMISSIONER OF  
5 TAXATION AND FINANCE AND THE COMPTROLLER, A SPECIAL FUND TO BE KNOWN AS  
6 THE "FORMER MEMBER OF THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE TRUST FUND".

7 2. SUCH FUND SHALL CONSIST OF ALL REVENUES RECEIVED PURSUANT TO THE  
8 PROVISIONS OF SECTION FOUR HUNDRED FOUR-X OF THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW  
9 AND ALL OTHER MONEYS APPROPRIATED, CREDITED, OR TRANSFERRED THERETO FROM  
10 ANY OTHER FUND OR SOURCE PURSUANT TO LAW. NOTHING CONTAINED IN THIS  
11 SECTION SHALL PREVENT THE STATE FROM RECEIVING GRANTS, GIFTS OR BEQUESTS  
12 FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE FUND AS DEFINED IN THIS SECTION AND DEPOSITING  
13 THEM INTO THE FUND ACCORDING TO LAW.

14 3. MONIES OF THE FUND SHALL BE EXPENDED ONLY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL  
15 PROTECTION PURPOSES AS SET FORTH IN SUBDIVISION SIX OF SECTION  
16 NINETY-TWO-S OF THIS ARTICLE.

17 4. MONIES SHALL BE PAYABLE FROM THE FUND ON THE AUDIT AND WARRANT OF  
18 THE COMPTROLLER ON VOUCHERS APPROVED AND CERTIFIED BY THE COMMISSIONER  
19 OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION.

20 5. TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, THE COMMISSIONER OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
21 CONSERVATION SHALL ENSURE THAT ALL MONIES RECEIVED DURING A FISCAL YEAR  
22 ARE EXPENDED PRIOR TO THE END OF THAT FISCAL YEAR.

23 S 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
24 it shall have become a law; provided, however, that effective immediate-  
25 ly, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation  
26 necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date is  
27 authorized and directed to be made and completed on or before such  
28 effective date.