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Introduced by M. of A. RABBITT, RAIA, KATZ, McKEVITT, FINCH -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. CROUCH, MONTESANO, TITONE -- 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 Afghanistan conflict

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, 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 PLATES FOR AFGHANISTAN CONFLICT VETERANS. 1. ANY
4 AFGHANISTAN CONFLICT VETERAN OR THE SPOUSE OF ANY SUCH VETERAN SHALL,
5 UPON REQUEST, BE ISSUED A LICENSE PLATE BEARING THE WORDS "AFGHANISTAN
6 CONFLICT VETERAN". IF A DISTINCTIVE PLATE IS ISSUED TO A VETERAN PURSU-
7 ANT TO THIS SECTION, SUCH A DISTINCTIVE PLATE SHALL NOT BE ISSUED TO THE
8 SPOUSE OF SUCH VETERAN. APPLICATION FOR SUCH LICENSE PLATE SHALL BE
9 FILED WITH THE COMMISSIONER IN SUCH FORM AND DETAIL AS THE COMMISSIONER
10 SHALL PRESCRIBE.
11 2. THE DISTINCTIVE PLATE AUTHORIZED IN SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION
12 SHALL BE ISSUED UPON PROOF, SATISFACTORY TO THE COMMISSIONER, THAT THE
13 APPLICANT OR THE SPOUSE OF THE APPLICANT IS AN AFGHANISTAN CONFLICT
14 VETERAN.
15 3. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "AFGHANISTAN CONFLICT VETERAN"
16 SHALL MEAN A PERSON WHO IS A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE, WHO SERVED IN THE
17 ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE HOSTILITIES THAT OCCURRED IN
18 AFGHANISTAN COMMENCING ON THE SEVENTH DAY OF OCTOBER, TWO THOUSAND ONE,
19 AND WERE HONORABLY DISCHARGED FROM THE MILITARY.
20 4. A DISTINCTIVE PLATE ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL BE ISSUED
21 IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER NUMBER PLATES UPON PAYMENT OF THE REGULAR
22 REGISTRATION FEE PRESCRIBED BY SECTION FOUR HUNDRED ONE OF THIS ARTICLE
23 PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT AN ADDITIONAL ONE TIME SERVICE CHARGE OF TEN
24 DOLLARS SHALL BE CHARGED FOR SUCH PLATE. SUCH SERVICE CHARGE SHALL BE

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

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1 DEPOSITED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION FOUR HUNDRED FOUR-OO OF
2 THIS ARTICLE TO THE CREDIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES DISTINC-
3 TIVE PLATE DEVELOPMENT FUND ESTABLISHED BY SECTION NINETY-FIVE-G OF THE
4 STATE FINANCE LAW AND SHALL BE USED FOR THE PRODUCTION, DESIGN, ADVER-
5 TISING AND MARKETING OF DISTINCTIVE LICENSE PLATES PURSUANT TO SUCH
6 SECTION NINETY-FIVE-G.

7 5. NOTHING CONTAINED HEREIN SHALL REQUIRE THE ISSUANCE OF A SPECIAL
8 NUMBER PLATE UNDER THIS SECTION UNLESS THE COMMISSIONER IS SATISFIED
9 THAT THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF ANNUAL SERVICE CHARGES COLLECTED PURSUANT
10 TO SUBDIVISION FOUR OF THIS SECTION WILL BE SUFFICIENT TO RECOVER THE
11 COSTS OF THE DESIGN AND MANUFACTURE OF SUCH SPECIAL PLATES.

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