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S E N A T E - A S S E M B L Y

(PREFILED)

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IN SENATE -- Introduced by Sen. LAVALLE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation

IN ASSEMBLY -- Introduced by M. of A. THIELE -- 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 bearing the words "Cure Parkinson's Disease", and to amend the state finance law, in relation to establishing the "Cure Parkinson's Disease Trust Fund"

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 "CURE PARKINSON'S DISEASE" LICENSE PLATES. 1.
4 ANY PERSON RESIDING IN THIS STATE SHALL UPON REQUEST BE ISSUED A
5 DISTINCTIVE LICENSE PLATE BEARING THE WORDS "CURE PARKINSON'S DISEASE".
6 APPLICATION FOR SUCH LICENSE PLATE SHALL BE FILED WITH THE COMMISSIONER
7 IN SUCH FORM AND DETAIL AS THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PRESCRIBE.
8 2. ANY DISTINCTIVE PLATE ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL BE
9 ISSUED IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER NUMBER PLATES UPON THE PAYMENT OF THE
10 REGULAR REGISTRATION FEE PRESCRIBED BY SECTION FOUR HUNDRED ONE OF THIS
11 ARTICLE PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT AN ADDITIONAL ANNUAL SERVICE CHARGE OF
12 TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS SHALL BE CHARGED FOR SUCH PLATE. TWENTY DOLLARS OF
13 EACH SUCH TWENTY-FIVE DOLLAR ANNUAL SERVICE CHARGE SHALL BE DEPOSITED TO
14 THE CREDIT OF THE CURE PARKINSON'S DISEASE TRUST FUND ESTABLISHED PURSU-
15 ANT TO SECTION NINETY-NINE-W OF THE STATE FINANCE LAW AND SHALL BE USED
16 BY NEW YORK STATE UNIVERSITY PARKINSON'S DISEASE RESEARCH HOSPITALS FOR
17 RESEARCH AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH.
18 PROVIDED, HOWEVER THAT ONE YEAR AFTER THIS SECTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT,

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

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1 FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY
2 BE AVAILABLE, SHALL BE ALLOCATED TO THE DEPARTMENT TO OFFSET COSTS ASSO-
3 CIATED WITH THE PRODUCTION OF SUCH LICENSE PLATES.

4 S 2. Section 508 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a
5 new subdivision 6 to read as follows:

6 6. THE COMMISSIONER IS DIRECTED TO DEVELOP LICENSE APPLICATION AND
7 RENEWAL FORMS WHICH SHALL SOLICIT A VOLUNTARY ONE DOLLAR DONATION FROM
8 PERSONS APPLYING FOR OR RENEWING A DRIVER'S LICENSE AT THE TIME OF SUCH
9 APPLICATION OR RENEWAL. ANY MONEYS COLLECTED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBDIVI-
10 SION SHALL BE DEPOSITED IN THE CURE PARKINSON'S DISEASE TRUST FUND
11 ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION NINETY-NINE-W OF THE STATE FINANCE LAW.

12 S 3. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 99-w to
13 read as follows:

14 S 99-W. CURE PARKINSON'S DISEASE TRUST FUND. 1. THERE IS HEREBY ESTAB-
15 LISHED IN THE JOINT CUSTODY OF THE COMMISSIONER OF TAXATION AND FINANCE
16 AND THE COMPTROLLER, A SPECIAL FUND TO BE KNOWN AS THE "CURE PARKINSON'S
17 DISEASE TRUST FUND".

18 2. SUCH FUND SHALL CONSIST OF ALL REVENUES RECEIVED PURSUANT TO THE
19 PROVISIONS OF SECTION FOUR HUNDRED FOUR-X OF THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW
20 AND ALL OTHER MONEYS APPROPRIATED, CREDITED, OR TRANSFERRED THERETO FROM
21 ANY OTHER FUND OR SOURCE PURSUANT TO LAW. NOTHING CONTAINED IN THIS
22 SECTION SHALL PREVENT THE STATE FROM RECEIVING GRANTS, GIFTS OR BEQUESTS
23 FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE FUND AS DEFINED IN THIS SECTION AND DEPOSITING
24 THEM INTO THE FUND ACCORDING TO LAW.

25 3. MONIES OF THE FUND SHALL BE EXPENDED ONLY FOR PARKINSON'S DISEASE
26 RESEARCH AND EDUCATION PROJECTS APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH,
27 OR TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO NEW YORK STATE UNIVERSITY PARKINSON'S DISEASE
28 RESEARCH HOSPITALS FOR THE PURPOSE OF RESEARCHING AND PROMOTING A CURE
29 FOR PARKINSON'S DISEASE.

30 4. MONIES SHALL BE PAYABLE FROM THE FUND ON THE AUDIT AND WARRANT OF
31 THE COMPTROLLER ON VOUCHERS APPROVED AND CERTIFIED BY THE COMMISSIONER
32 OF HEALTH.

33 5. TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH SHALL ENSURE
34 THAT ALL MONIES RECEIVED DURING A FISCAL YEAR ARE EXPENDED PRIOR TO THE
35 END OF THAT FISCAL YEAR.

36 S 4. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
37 it shall have become a law provided, however, that the addition, amend-
38 ment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implemen-
39 tation of this act on its effective date is authorized to be made and
40 completed on or before such date.