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Introduced by M. of A. PRETLOW -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to authorizing distinctive license plates for New York state licensed mental health counselors

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 NEW YORK STATE LICENSED MENTAL HEALTH  
4     COUNSELORS.     1. ANY NEW YORK STATE LICENSED MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELOR  
5     RESIDING IN THIS STATE SHALL, UPON REQUEST, BE ISSUED A LICENSE PLATE  
6     FORMATTED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE DEPARTMENT BEARING THE LETTERS "MHC".  
7     IF A DISTINCTIVE PLATE IS ISSUED TO A NEW YORK STATE LICENSED MENTAL  
8     HEALTH COUNSELOR PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, SUCH DISTINCTIVE PLATE SHALL  
9     NOT BE ISSUED TO THE SPOUSE OF SUCH PERSON UNLESS SUCH SPOUSE IS A  
10    MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELOR AS WELL. APPLICATION FOR SUCH LICENSE SHALL BE  
11    FILED WITH THE COMMISSIONER IN SUCH FORM AND DETAIL AS THE COMMISSIONER  
12    SHALL PRESCRIBE, AND SHALL BE VERIFIED ANNUALLY BY THE APPLICANT.  
13    2. THE DISTINCTIVE PLATE AUTHORIZED IN SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION  
14    SHALL BE ISSUED UPON PROOF, SATISFACTORY TO THE COMMISSIONER, THAT THE  
15    APPLICANT IS PRESENTLY A MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELOR LICENSED TO PRACTICE IN  
16    THE STATE OF NEW YORK AND SHALL BE ISSUED IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER  
17    NUMBER PLATES UPON PAYMENT OF THE REGULAR REGISTRATION FEE PRESCRIBED BY  
18    SECTION FOUR HUNDRED ONE OF THIS ARTICLE; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT AN  
19    ADDITIONAL SERVICE CHARGE OF TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS SHALL BE CHARGED FOR  
20    SUCH PLATE ON AN ANNUAL BASIS.  
21    3. THE COMMISSIONER MAY SET AN ADDITIONAL FEE, NOT TO EXCEED FIFTEEN  
22    DOLLARS, TO THE ANNUAL SERVICE CHARGE, ESTABLISHED IN SUBDIVISION TWO OF  
23    THIS SECTION, AND SUCH FEE SHALL BE DEPOSITED TO THE CREDIT OF THE  
24    DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES DISTINCTIVE PLATE DEVELOPMENT FUND ESTAB-

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

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1 LISHED BY SECTION NINETY-FIVE-G OF THE STATE FINANCE LAW. SUCH FEE SHALL  
2 BE USED FOR THE PRODUCTION, DESIGN, ADVERTISING AND MARKETING OF  
3 DISTINCTIVE LICENSE PLATES PURSUANT TO SUCH SECTION NINETY-FIVE-G.  
4 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.