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

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to the issuance of a distinctive license plate for Iraq War and War in Afghanistan veterans

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new section 404-y to read as follows:

§ 404-y. Distinctive plates for Iraq War and War in Afghanistan veterans. 1. Any Iraq War or War in Afghanistan veteran or the spouse of any such veteran shall, upon request, be issued a license plate bearing the words "Iraq War Veteran" or "War in Afghanistan Veteran". If a distinctive plate is issued to a veteran pursuant to this section, such a distinctive plate shall not be issued to the spouse of such veteran. Application for said license plate shall be filed with the commissioner in such form and detail as the commissioner shall prescribe.

2. The distinctive plates authorized in subdivision one of this section shall be issued upon proof, satisfactory to the commissioner, that the applicant or the spouse of the applicant is an Iraq War or War in Afghanistan veteran.

3. For the purposes of this section, "Iraq War veteran" shall mean a person who is a resident of this state, who served in the armed forces of the United States in the hostilities that occurred in Iraq from the twentieth day of March, two thousand three to the eighteenth day of December, two thousand eleven, and was honorably discharged from the military.

4. "War in Afghanistan veteran" shall mean a person who is a resident of this state, who served in the armed forces of the United States in the hostilities that occurred in Afghanistan from the twentieth day of

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

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September, two thousand one to the end of such hostilities and was honorably discharged by the military.

5. A distinctive plate issued pursuant to this section shall be issued in the same manner as other number plates upon payment of the regular registration fee prescribed by section four hundred one of this article provided, however, that an additional one time service charge of ten dollars shall be charged for such plate.

6. Nothing contained in this section shall require the issuance of a special number plate under this section unless the commissioner is satisfied that the aggregate amount of annual service charges collected pursuant to subdivision five of this section will be sufficient to recover the costs of the design and manufacture of such special plates.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.