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Introduced by M. of A. BARCLAY, BLANKENBUSH, CROUCH, FINCH, HAWLEY,  
OAKS, SALADINO -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. McLAUGHLIN, PALMESANO  
-- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to the quantity  
of disabled person plates issued to a disabled person

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 404-a of the vehicle and traffic  
2 law, as amended by chapter 596 of the laws of 1982, is amended to read  
3 as follows:

4 1. Legislative intent. It is the sense of the legislature to facili-  
5 tate the usual and special uses of the highways and other motor vehicle  
6 facilities accorded to severely disabled residents of this state. The  
7 commissioner is hereby empowered to issue to such persons, upon their  
8 application, special motor vehicle registrations, [~~one set of~~] vehicle  
9 identification plates for motor vehicles owned by such persons to be  
10 used for the transportation of such severely disabled person and [~~one~~  
11 ~~set of~~] vehicle identification plates for each motor vehicle owned by  
12 such persons and used by a severely disabled member of the owner's fami-  
13 ly.

14 § 2. Subdivision 2 of section 404-a of the vehicle and traffic law, as  
15 amended by chapter 191 of the laws of 1991, is amended to read as  
16 follows:

17 2. Registration of vehicles owned by severely disabled persons. The  
18 commissioner shall assign to such motor vehicles, including any van or  
19 pick-up truck used for transporting persons with disabilities which is  
20 not used for commercial purposes, owned by such persons, a distinctive  
21 number and issue and deliver in such manner as the commissioner may  
22 select to the owner a certification of registration, in such form as the  
23 commissioner shall prescribe and two number plates per vehicle owned by  
24 such persons, called disabled person plates. Said disabled person plates

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

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1 shall conform to the requirements of section four hundred one of this  
2 chapter, but shall bear distinctive marks to distinguish them from  
3 number plates to be issued to other persons, qualifying under this chap-  
4 ter. The commissioner, in his discretion, may issue, for any registra-  
5 tion year, [~~only one plate as~~] a set of disabled person plates for [~~a~~  
6 each motor vehicle[, ~~in which event a set of disabled person plates for~~  
7 ~~a motor vehicle shall consist of one plate~~] owned by such disabled  
8 person. Where a severely disabled person owns more than one vehicle and  
9 such vehicle or vehicles is or are used by severely disabled members of  
10 the owner's family who reside with the owner, the commissioner shall  
11 issue one set of plates for each additional vehicle used by such severe-  
12 ly disabled person, provided that such user qualifies as a severely  
13 disabled person in the manner required by this section.

14 § 3. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall  
15 have become a law provided, however, that effective immediately, the  
16 addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rules or regulations necessary  
17 for the implementation of this act on its effective date is authorized  
18 and directed to be made and completed on or before such effective date.