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Introduced by M. of A. GUNTHER, ORTIZ -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- again reported from said committee with amendments, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to authorizing the creation of mental illness anti-stigma license plates; and to amend the state finance law, in relation to the mental illness anti-stigma fund

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-dd to read as follows:

§ 404-dd. Mental illness anti-stigma license plates. 1. Any person residing in this state shall, upon request, be issued a distinctive license plate of a design developed and approved by the commissioner in consultation with the commissioner of the office of mental health in support of ending the stigma related to mental illness research bearing the phrase "Healthy mind, healthy New York". Application for said license plate shall be filed with the commissioner in such form and detail as the commissioner shall prescribe.

2. 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 annual service charge of twenty-five dollars shall be charged for such plates.

3. Each twenty-five dollars received as the annual service charge under this section shall be deposited to the credit of the "mental illness anti-stigma fund" established pursuant to section ninety-five-h of the state finance law and shall be used for the purpose of providing grants to organizations dedicated to eliminating the stigma attached to

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

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1 mental illness and persons with mental health needs pursuant to section
2 7.47 of the mental hygiene law.

3 § 2. Subdivision 2 of section 95-h of the state finance law, as added
4 by chapter 422 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

5 2. Such fund shall consist of all revenues received pursuant to the
6 provisions of section six hundred twenty-nine-a of the tax law, section
7 four hundred four-dd of the vehicle and traffic law, all revenues
8 received pursuant to appropriations by the legislature, and all moneys
9 appropriated, credited or transferred thereto from any other fund or
10 source pursuant to law. No moneys credited to such fund pursuant to
11 section six hundred twenty-nine-a of the tax law shall be deemed to
12 authorize the reduction of the amount of monies otherwise appropriated
13 by the state for the purpose of eliminating the stigma attached to
14 mental illness.

15 § 3. 1. A distinctive plate established pursuant to section 404-dd of
16 the vehicle and traffic law shall only be designed, produced and issued
17 upon the delivery to the department of motor vehicles of a surety bond
18 in the amount of six thousand dollars, which shall be executed by a
19 surety company authorized by the department of financial services to
20 transact business in this state. Provided, however, that if the commis-
21 sioner of motor vehicles shall have received prior to plate design,
22 production and issuance at least two hundred orders for such distinctive
23 plate together with the additional annual service charge applicable to
24 each such order, which shall be non-refundable, no such surety bond
25 shall be required. All service charges collected pursuant to this
26 section shall be deposited pursuant to the provisions of section 404-oo
27 of the vehicle and traffic law to the credit of the department of motor
28 vehicles distinctive plate development fund established by section 95-g
29 of the state finance law and shall be used for the design, production,
30 advertising and distribution of distinctive license plates in accordance
31 with such section 95-g.

32 2. If, upon the expiration of two years following the date upon which
33 distinctive plates in the series are first available for sale two
34 hundred or more sets of such plates are sold, a bond delivered pursuant
35 to this section shall be discontinued. If fewer than two hundred sets of
36 such plates are sold by such time, the department of motor vehicles
37 shall be entitled to recover against the bond in an amount proportionate
38 to such shortfall.

39 § 4. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
40 it shall have become a law; provided, however, that section three of
41 this act shall take effect immediately; and provided further, however
42 that effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any
43 rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its
44 effective date are authorized and directed to be made and completed on
45 or before such effective date.