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Introduced by M. of A. BLANKENBUSH, McDONOUGH, LAWRENCE, M. G. MILLER, ERRIGO, BARCLAY, DiPIETRO, COLTON, GUNTHER, HAWLEY, GIGLIO, RAIA, BLAKE, FINCH, STEC, B. MILLER, MORINELLO, BRABENEC -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. CURRAN, M. L. MILLER, THIELE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation -- recommitted to the Committee on Transportation in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to distinctive plates for legion of valor recipients

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-z to read as follows:

§ 404-z. Distinctive plates for legion of valor recipients. 1. Any person who is a recipient of the army medal of honor, navy medal of honor, air force medal of honor, army distinguished service cross, navy cross, coast guard cross, or air force cross residing in this state shall, upon request, be issued a license plate bearing the words "legion of valor" and depicting the individual's military award decal. Application for said license plate shall be filed with the commissioner in such form and detail as the commissioner shall prescribe.

2. The distinctive plate authorized herein shall be issued upon proof, satisfactory to the commissioner, that the applicant is an army medal of honor, navy medal of honor, air force medal of honor, army distinguished service cross, navy cross, coast guard cross, or air force cross recipient.

3. A distinctive plate issued pursuant to this section shall be issued in the same manner as other number plates, provided, however, that no registration fee or service charge shall be charged for such plate.

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

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1 § 2. 1. A distinctive plate established pursuant to section 404-z of
2 the vehicle and traffic law as added by section one of this act shall
3 only be designed, produced and issued upon the delivery to the depart-
4 ment of a surety bond in the amount of six thousand dollars, which shall
5 be executed by a surety company authorized by the department of finan-
6 cial services to transact business in this state. Provided, however,
7 that if the commissioner of motor vehicles shall have received prior to
8 plate design, production and issuance at least two hundred orders for
9 such distinctive plate together with the additional annual service
10 charge applicable to each such order, which shall be non-refundable, no
11 such surety bond shall be required. All such service charges shall be
12 deposited pursuant to the provisions of section 404-oo of the vehicle
13 and traffic law to the credit of the department of motor vehicles
14 distinctive plate development fund established by section 95-g of the
15 state finance law and shall be used for the design, production, adver-
16 tising and distribution of distinctive license plates in accordance with
17 such section 95-g.

18 2. If, upon the expiration of two years following the date upon which
19 distinctive plates in the series are first available for sale two
20 hundred or more sets of such plates are sold, a bond delivered pursuant
21 to this section shall be discontinued. If fewer than two hundred sets of
22 such plates are sold by such time, such department shall be entitled to
23 recover against the bond in an amount proportionate to such shortfall.

24 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that
25 section one of this act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth
26 day after it shall have become a law; provided further, however, that
27 effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule
28 or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effec-
29 tive date is authorized and directed to be made and completed on or
30 before such effective date.