

STATE OF NEW YORK

8637

2017-2018 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

September 1, 2017

Introduced by M. of A. DenDEKKER, HAWLEY, M. G. MILLER, CUSICK, HUNTER, MORINELLO, BUTLER -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. BENEDETTO, PHEFFER AMATO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to the issuance of distinctive number plates for active duty members and veterans of the armed forces

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-ee to read as follows:

3 § 404-ee. Distinctive plates for active duty members and veterans of
4 the armed forces. 1. Any active duty member or veteran of any branch of
5 the armed forces of the United States or the spouse of any such member
6 or veteran shall, upon request, be issued a distinctive number plate
7 bearing the seal of the appropriate branch of the armed forces being:
8 the United States Army, the United States Air Force, the United States
9 Coast Guard, the United States Marine Corps or the United States Navy.
10 Application for such number plate shall be filed with the commissioner
11 in such form and detail as the commissioner shall prescribe.

12 2. The distinctive plate authorized in subdivision one of this section
13 shall be issued upon proof, satisfactory to the commissioner, that the
14 applicant or the spouse of the applicant is an active duty member or a
15 veteran of such branch of the armed forces of the United States.

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

21 § 2. (a) A distinctive plate established pursuant to section 404-ee of
22 the vehicle and traffic law shall only be designed, produced and issued

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

LBD13401-02-7

1 upon the delivery to the department of motor vehicles of a surety bond
2 in the amount of \$6,000, which shall be executed by a surety company
3 authorized by the department of financial services to transact business
4 in this state. Provided, however, that if the commissioner of motor
5 vehicles shall have received prior to plate design, production and issu-
6 ance at least two hundred orders for such distinctive plates together
7 with the additional annual service charge applicable to each such order,
8 which shall be non-refundable, no such surety bond shall be required.
9 All service charges collected pursuant to section 404-ee of the vehicle
10 and traffic law shall be deposited pursuant to the provisions of section
11 404-oo of the vehicle and traffic law to the credit of the department of
12 motor vehicles distinctive plate development fund established by section
13 95-g of the state finance law and shall be used for the design,
14 production, advertising and distribution of distinctive license plates
15 in accordance with such section 95-g.

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

23 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.