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Introduced by M. of A. 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 authorizing the issuance of distinctive license plates for gold star fathers

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

Section 1. Section 404-i of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 277 of the laws of 1991, subdivision 1 as amended by chapter 732 of the laws of 2004, subdivision 3 as amended by chapter 486 of the laws of 1996 and such section as renumbered by chapter 108 of the laws of 1994, is amended to read as follows:

§ 404-i. Distinctive plates for gold star mothers **and gold star fathers**. 1. Any gold star mother **or gold star father** or the spouse of a gold star mother **or gold star father,** residing in this state shall, upon request, be issued a license plate bearing the words "gold star mother" **or "gold star father", respectively**. If a distinctive plate is issued to a gold star mother **or gold star father** pursuant to this section, additional distinctive plates may be issued for every vehicle registered in the name of the gold star mother **or gold star father** recipient residing in this state or the spouse of such gold star mother **or gold star father**. 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 or the spouse of the applicant is a gold star mother **or gold star father**.

3. A distinctive plate issued pursuant to this section shall be issued in the same manner as other number plates upon payment of the regular

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

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registration fee prescribed by section four hundred one of this article, provided, however, that no service charge shall be charged for such plate.

§ 2. 1. A distinctive gold star father plate established pursuant to section 404-i of the vehicle and traffic law shall only be designed, produced and issued upon the delivery to the department of motor vehicles of a surety bond in the amount of six thousand dollars, which shall be executed by a surety company authorized by the department of financial services to transact business in this state. Provided, however, that if the commissioner of motor vehicles shall have received prior to plate design, production and issuance at least two hundred orders for such distinctive plate together with the additional annual service charge applicable to each such order, which shall be non-refundable, no such surety bond shall be required. All service charges collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited pursuant to the provisions of section 404-oo of the vehicle and traffic law to the credit of the department of motor vehicles distinctive plate development fund established by section 95-g of the state finance law and shall be used for the design, production, advertising and distribution of distinctive license plates in accordance with such section 95-g.

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

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that section one of this act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.