

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2017-2018 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 13, 2017

Introduced by Sen. HELMING -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation -- 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 distinctive license plates for recipients of the conspicuous service cross

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-y to read as follows:

3 § 404-y. Distinctive plates for conspicuous service cross recipients.

4 1. Any conspicuous service cross recipient residing in this state or the
5 spouse of any such recipient shall, upon request, be issued a license
6 plate bearing the words "conspicuous service cross recipient". If a
7 distinctive plate is issued to a conspicuous service cross recipient
8 pursuant to this section, such a distinctive plate shall not be issued
9 to the spouse of such conspicuous service cross recipient. Application
10 for said license plate shall be filed with the commissioner in such form
11 and detail as the commissioner shall prescribe.

12 2. The distinctive plate authorized by this section shall be issued
13 upon proof, satisfactory to the commissioner, that the applicant or the
14 spouse of the applicant is a conspicuous service cross recipient.

15 3. A distinctive plate issued pursuant to this section shall be issued
16 in the same manner as other number plates upon payment of the regular
17 registration fee prescribed by section four hundred one of this article;
18 provided, however, that an additional, one-time service charge of ten
19 dollars shall be charged for such plate. Such annual service charge
20 shall be deposited pursuant to the provisions of section four hundred
21 four-oo of this article to the credit of the department of motor vehi-
22 cles distinctive plate development fund established by section ninety-

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

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1 five-g of the state finance law and shall be used for the production,
2 design, advertising and marketing of distinctive license plates pursuant
3 to such section ninety-five-g.

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

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

27 § 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after
28 it shall have become a law.