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IN SENATE

August 28, 2019

Introduced by Sen. MARTINEZ -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to requiring license plates be inspected during safety inspections and preventing license plates from being replaced in certain circumstances

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (c) of section 301 of the vehicle and traffic
2 law is amended by adding a new paragraph 4 to read as follows:

3 (4) Such inspection shall also include a visual inspection of the
4 license plates. Whenever a license plate shall have become so delami-
5 nated, or otherwise damaged or worn as to become illegible, such
6 license plate shall not meet the proper and safe condition requirements
7 of subdivision (a) of section three hundred four of this article. A
8 license plate will be deemed to be illegible when at least one of the
9 license plate's numbers or letters cannot be read because (a) more than
10 one-third of a number or letter lacks color due to delamination or other
11 damage, including fading, or (b) the license plate is missing one or
12 more pieces and such piece or pieces include more than one-third of a
13 number or letter.

14 § 2. Subdivision 3 of section 401 of the vehicle and traffic law is
15 amended by adding a new paragraph e to read as follows:

16 e. The commissioner shall not require the replacement of reflectorized
17 number plates issued for any vehicle where: (i) the plates previously
18 issued for such vehicle meet the requirements to pass an inspection
19 under paragraph four of subdivision (c) of section three hundred one of
20 this chapter; and (ii) the replacement plates being issued are to the
21 same registered owner and vehicle as previously issued plates.

22 § 3. This act shall take effect April 1, 2020.

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

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