

STATE OF NEW YORK

7091

IN SENATE

(Prefiled)

January 8, 2020

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

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to requiring that a certain license plate surcharge be deposited into the habitat conservation and wildlife management fund; and to amend the state finance law, in relation to establishing the habitat conservation and wildlife management fund

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

1 Section 1. Section 404-s of the vehicle and traffic law, as added by
2 chapter 304 of the laws of 2001, is redesignated section 404-ff and
3 subdivision 5, as amended by section 26 of part EE of chapter 55 of the
4 laws of 2014, is amended to read as follows:

5 5. Any New York resident who possesses a hunting, fishing or trapping
6 license issued pursuant to title seven of article eleven of the environ-
7 mental conservation law or an annual vehicle access pass, also known as
8 an empire passport, pursuant to article thirteen of the parks, recre-
9 ation and historic preservation law shall, upon request, be issued the
10 distinctive plate available to a person who purchases a lifetime license
11 or passport, which shall be issued in the same manner as other number
12 plates upon the payment of the regular registration fee prescribed by
13 section four hundred one of this article; provided, however, that an
14 additional annual service charge of fifteen dollars shall be charged for
15 such plate. Such service charge shall be deposited [~~and made available~~
16 ~~in the same manner as set forth in subdivision two of this section~~] into
17 the habitat conservation and wildlife management fund established under
18 section ninety-seven-aaaa of the state finance law and shall be made
19 available for services, costs and expenses of habitat conservation and
20 wildlife management as provided for in such section.

21 § 2. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 97-aaaa
22 to read as follows:

23 § 97-aaaa. Habitat conservation and wildlife management fund. 1.
24 There is hereby established in the joint custody of the commissioner of

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

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1 environmental conservation and the state comptroller a special fund to
2 be known as the "habitat conservation and wildlife management fund". The
3 moneys in such fund shall be available for payment of any and all
4 services, costs and expenditures incurred by the department of environ-
5 mental conservation in performing habitat conservation or wildlife
6 management duties on property designated as a state game refuge pursuant
7 to section 11-2105 of the environmental conservation law, including
8 costs and expenses incidental and appurtenant thereto.

9 2. Moneys in the habitat conservation and wildlife management fund
10 shall be kept separately from and shall not be commingled with any other
11 moneys in the joint or sole custody of the state comptroller or the
12 commissioner of environmental conservation.

13 3. The habitat conservation and wildlife management fund shall consist
14 of the revenues required to be deposited therein pursuant to the
15 provisions of section four hundred four-ff of the vehicle and traffic
16 law, and all other moneys credited or transferred thereto from any other
17 fund or source pursuant to law.

18 4. The moneys in such fund shall paid out of the fund on the audit and
19 warrant of the state comptroller on vouchers approved by the commission-
20 er of environmental conservation.

21 § 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
22 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately the addition, amend-
23 ment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implemen-
24 tation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and
25 completed on or before such date.