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Introduced by M. of A. GUNTHER, ENGLEBRIGHT, BENEDETTO, GALEF, ZEBROWSKI, OTIS, MONTESANO -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. BARCLAY, CROUCH, GLICK, HAWLEY, KOLB, McDONOUGH -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to establishing distinctive "I love NYS parks" license plates; and to amend the state finance law, in relation to establishing the New York state parks revolving fund

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

Section 1. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new section 404-ff to read as follows:

§ 404-ff. Distinctive "I love NYS parks" license plates. 1. Any person residing in this state shall upon request be issued a distinctive "I love NYS parks" license plate bearing the phrase "I love ("love" demonstrated by a red heart) NYS Parks". Application for said license plates shall be filed with the commissioner in such form and detail as the commissioner shall prescribe.

2. Any distinctive plate issued pursuant to this section shall be issued in the same manner as other number plates upon the payment of the regular registration fee prescribed by section four hundred one of this article provided, however, that an additional annual service charge of twenty-five dollars shall be charged for such plate. Such annual service charge shall be deposited pursuant to the provisions of section four hundred four-oo of this article to the credit of the New York state parks revolving fund established by section ninety-seven-aaaa of the state finance law, and shall be used for New York state parks. Provided, however, that one year after the effective date of this section, funds in the amount of five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be available shall be allocated from such fund to the department to offset costs associated with the production of such license plate.

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

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

§ 97-aaaa. New York state parks revolving fund. 1. There is hereby established in the joint custody of the commissioner of taxation and finance and the comptroller, a special fund to be known as the "New York state parks revolving fund".

2. Such fund shall consist of all revenues received pursuant to the provisions of section four hundred four-ff of the vehicle and traffic law and all other moneys appropriated, credited, or transferred thereto from any other fund or source pursuant to law. Nothing contained in this section shall prevent the state from receiving grants, gifts or bequests for the purposes of the fund as defined in this section and depositing them into the fund according to law.

3. Monies of the fund shall be expended only for New York state parks.

§ 3. 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 on or before such effective date.