STATE OF NEW YORK

2676

2019-2020 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 28, 2019

Introduced by Sens. MAYER, BROOKS, LIU -- 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 authorizing a former member of the United States public health service to receive a distinguishing mark on his or her license indicating that he or she is a veteran

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

Section 1. Paragraph (a-1) of subdivision 1 of section 504 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 429 of the laws of 2014, is amended to read as follows:

(a-1) Every license or renewal thereof issued to an applicant who was a member of the armed forces of the United States **or the United States public health service** and received an honorable discharge or was released therefrom under honorable conditions shall, upon his or her request and submission of proof as set forth herein, contain a distinguishing mark, in such form as the commissioner shall determine, indicating that he or she is a veteran. Such proof shall consist of a certificate of release or discharge from active duty including but not limited to a DD Form 214**, a PHS Form 1867** or other proof satisfactory to the commissioner. The commissioner shall not require fees for the issuance of such licenses or renewals thereof to persons requesting a veteran distinguishing mark which are different from fees otherwise required; provided, however, that notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the commissioner shall not require fees for a duplication or amendment of a license prior to its renewal if such duplication or amendment was solely for the purpose of adding a veteran distinguishing mark to such license.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

LBD06020-01-9