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Introduced by Sens. TEDISCO, BOYLE, JORDAN, ORTT, RITCHIE -- 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 license plates be inspected during safety inspections and waiving fees for the issuance of certain license plates

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

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

(4) A safety inspection shall also include a visual inspection of the vehicle's license plates. Whenever a license plate shall have become so delaminated, or otherwise damaged or worn as to become illegible, such license plate shall not meet the proper and safe condition requirements of subdivision (a) of section three hundred four of this article. A license plate shall be deemed to be illegible when at least one of the license plate's numbers or letters cannot be read because: (a) more than one-third of a number or letter lacks color due to delamination or other damage, including but not limited to fading; or (b) the license plate is missing one or more pieces and such piece or pieces includes more than one-third of a number or letter. The inclusion of the visual inspection of a vehicle's license plates in the safety inspection pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph shall not result in an increase in the safety inspection fee allowed to be charged.

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

e. The commissioner shall waive the payment of fees required by paragraph a of this subdivision if the number license plates applied for are required due to a change in license plate design, or if replacement license plates are required as the result of a failed inspection of the license plates as described in paragraph four of subdivision (c) of

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

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section three hundred one of this chapter. In both cases the owner holding the certificate of registration shall be entitled to the same license plate number at no additional cost.

§ 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 and completed on or before such date.