

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

January 31, 2021

Introduced by Sen. GRIFFO -- 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 providing distinctive license plates for gold star family members and eliminating the registration fee for gold star mother and gold star family member distinctive license plates

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

1 Section 1. Section 404-i of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by  
2 chapter 277 of the laws of 1991 and renumbered by chapter 108 of the  
3 laws of 1994, subdivision 1 as amended by chapter 732 of the laws of  
4 2004 and subdivision 3 as amended by chapter 486 of the laws of 1996, is  
5 amended to read as follows:

6 § 404-i. Distinctive plates for gold star mothers and gold star fami-  
7 lies. 1. Any gold star mother or the spouse of a gold star mother or  
8 any gold star father or the spouse of a gold star father, or the widow  
9 or widower of a fallen service member, or any child, step-child, broth-  
10 er, sister, step-brother, step-sister, or grandparent of a fallen  
11 service member residing in this state shall, upon request, be issued a  
12 license plate bearing the words "gold star mother" or "gold star fami-  
13 ly", respectively. If a distinctive plate is issued to a gold star  
14 mother or gold star family member pursuant to this section, additional  
15 distinctive plates may be issued for every vehicle registered in the  
16 name of the gold star mother recipient residing in this state or the  
17 spouse of such gold star mother, or the gold star family member. Appli-  
18 cation for said license plate shall be filed with the commissioner in  
19 such form and detail as the commissioner shall prescribe.

20 2. The distinctive plate authorized herein shall be issued upon proof,  
21 satisfactory to the commissioner, that the applicant or the spouse of  
22 the applicant is a gold star mother or the applicant is any gold star  
23 father or the spouse of a gold star father, or the widow or widower of a

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

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1 fallen service member, or any child, step-child, brother, sister, step-  
2 brother, step-sister, or grandparent of a fallen service member.

3 3. A distinctive plate issued pursuant to this section shall be issued  
4 in the same manner as other number plates [~~upon payment of the regular~~  
5 ~~registration fee prescribed by section four hundred one of this arti-~~  
6 ~~cle~~], provided, however, that no registration fee or service charge  
7 shall be charged for such plate.

8 § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall  
9 have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or  
10 repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of  
11 this act on its effective date are authorized to be made on or before  
12 such date.