

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. BRESLIN -- 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 the issuance of specialty plates for retired members of the New York state legislature

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

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

3 § 404-ff. Distinctive plates for retired members of the New York state
4 legislature. 1. Any retired member of the New York state legislature
5 residing in this state shall, upon request, be issued a license plate
6 bearing the words "Retired NYS Legislator". Application for said license
7 plate shall be filed with the commissioner in such form and detail as
8 the commissioner shall prescribe, and shall be verified annually by the
9 applicant.

10 2. The distinctive plate authorized in this section shall be issued
11 upon proof, satisfactory to the commissioner, that the applicant: (a) is
12 a retired member of the New York state legislature; and (b) has not been
13 found guilty of a felony or a misdemeanor for which such felony or
14 misdemeanor had a direct and actual relationship to the performance of
15 such applicant's existing duties during the time in which he or she was
16 a public officer.

17 3. A distinctive plate issued pursuant to this section shall be issued
18 in the same manner as other number plates upon payment of the regular
19 registration fee prescribed by section four hundred one of this article,
20 provided, however, that an additional annual service charge of twenty-
21 five dollars shall be charged for such plate.

22 § 2. 1. A distinctive plate established pursuant to section 404-ff of
23 the vehicle and traffic law, as added by section one of this act, shall
24 only be designed, produced and issued upon the delivery to the depart-

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

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1 ment of motor vehicles of a surety bond in the amount of six thousand
2 dollars, which shall be executed by a surety company authorized by the
3 department of financial services to transact business in this state.
4 Provided, however, that if the commissioner of motor vehicles shall have
5 received prior to plate design, production and issuance at least two
6 hundred orders for such distinctive plate together with the additional
7 annual service charge applicable to each such order, which shall be
8 non-refundable, no such surety bond shall be required. All service
9 charges collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited pursuant
10 to the provisions of section 404-00 of the vehicle and traffic law to
11 the credit of the department of motor vehicles distinctive plate devel-
12 opment fund established by section 95-g of the state finance law and
13 shall be used for the design, production, advertising and distribution
14 of distinctive license plates in accordance with such section 95-g.

15 2. If, upon the expiration of two years following the date upon which
16 distinctive plates in the series are first available for sale two
17 hundred or more sets of such plates are sold, a bond delivered pursuant
18 to this section shall be discontinued. If fewer than two hundred sets of
19 such plates are sold by such time, the department of motor vehicles
20 shall be entitled to recover against the bond in an amount proportionate
21 to such shortfall.

22 § 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
23 it shall have become a law; provided, however, that section two of this
24 act shall take effect immediately; provided further, however, that
25 effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule
26 or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effec-
27 tive date are authorized and directed to be made and completed on or
28 before such effective date.