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Introduced by Sen. MATTERA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation -- reported favorably from said committee and committed to the Committee on Finance -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to providing for distinctive license plates for members of the Seabee Veterans of America

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 plates for members of the Seabee Veterans of America. 1. Any member of the Seabee Veterans of America residing in this state shall, upon request, be issued a license plate bearing the Navy Seabee emblem. Application for said license plate shall be filed with the commissioner in such form and detail as the commissioner shall prescribe.

2. The distinctive plate authorized in this section shall be issued upon proof, satisfactory to the commissioner, that the applicant is a member of the Seabee Veterans of America.

3. A 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 one-time service charge of ten dollars shall be charged for such plate.

§ 2. Subdivision 1-a of section 404 of the vehicle and traffic law, as added by chapter 105 of the laws of 2017, is amended to read as follows:

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

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1 1-a. The commissioner may issue special number plates to applicants
2 who are members of veterans organizations in the same manner as other
3 number plates are issued pursuant to this article. Such special number
4 plates shall be issued only upon (a) payment of a one-time service
5 charge of ten dollars in addition to the regular registration fee
6 prescribed by section four hundred one of this article, and (b)
7 submission of proof, satisfactory to the commissioner, that the appli-
8 cant is presently a member of the veterans organization for which such
9 plate is requested. Such membership shall be verified annually by the
10 applicant. Application for such plates shall be made in accordance with
11 regulations promulgated by the commissioner with respect to the issuance
12 of such plates. Provided, however, that nothing contained herein shall
13 be deemed to supersede the provisions of section four hundred four-d,
14 four hundred four-e, four hundred four-h, four hundred four-i, four
15 hundred four-j, four hundred four-k, four hundred four-p, four hundred
16 four-aa, ~~[ex]~~ four hundred four-dd or four hundred four-ff of this arti-
17 cle.

18 § 3. 1. A distinctive plate established pursuant to section 404-ff of
19 the vehicle and traffic law as added by section one of this act shall
20 only be designed, produced and issued upon the delivery to the depart-
21 ment of motor vehicles of a surety bond in the amount of six thousand
22 dollars, which shall be executed by a surety company authorized by the
23 department of financial services to transact business in this state.
24 Provided, however, that if the commissioner of motor vehicles shall have
25 received prior to plate design, production and issuance at least two
26 hundred orders for such distinctive plate together with the additional
27 one-time service charge applicable to each such order, which shall be
28 non-refundable, no such surety bond shall be required. All service
29 charges collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited pursuant
30 to the provisions of section 404-oo of the vehicle and traffic law to
31 the credit of the department of motor vehicles distinctive plate devel-
32 opment fund established by section 95-g of the state finance law and
33 shall be used for the design, production, advertising and distribution
34 of distinctive license plates in accordance with such section 95-g.

35 2. If, upon the expiration of two years following the date upon which
36 distinctive plates in the series are first available for sale two
37 hundred or more sets of such plates are sold, a bond delivered pursuant
38 to this section shall be discontinued. If fewer than two hundred sets of
39 such plates are sold by such time, such department shall be entitled to
40 recover against the bond in an amount proportionate to such shortfall.

41 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that
42 section one of this act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth
43 day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addi-
44 tion, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for
45 the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized and
46 directed to be made and completed on or before such effective date.