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Introduced by Sens. SEPULVEDA, KRUEGER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT in relation to requiring the commissioner of motor vehicles to enter into an agreement with the Republic of China (Taiwan) for reciprocity of driver licenses

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

1 Section 1. The commissioner of motor vehicles shall enter into an  
2 agreement with the Republic of China (Taiwan) through the Ministry of  
3 Transportation and Communications represented by the Director General of  
4 the Taipei Economic and Cultural office in New York for reciprocity in  
5 issuing driver licenses to citizens from the state of New York residing  
6 in the Republic of China (Taiwan) and to the Taiwanese citizens residing  
7 in the state of New York. The parties shall agree that reciprocal  
8 provisions for issuance and skills to acquire a driver license shall be  
9 applicable in New York and in the Republic of China (Taiwan).

10 § 2. The parties shall agree that a holder of a valid driver license  
11 of the state of New York residing in the Republic of China (Taiwan),  
12 shall be able to exchange such license for a Taiwanese driver license at  
13 the nominal conversion fee, without being required to pass the knowledge  
14 and road test. Correspondingly, a holder of a valid Taiwanese driver  
15 license lawfully residing in the state of New York, who is not exempt  
16 from licensing requirements under the vehicle and traffic law, shall be  
17 able to exchange a Taiwanese license for a license in the state of New  
18 York at the nominal conversion fee, without being required to pass the  
19 knowledge and road test.

20 § 3. The state of New York, through the commissioner of motor vehi-  
21 cles, and the Republic of China (Taiwan), through the Ministry of Trans-  
22 portation and Communications, shall agree on the following:

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

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1 1. Each party to this agreement shall provide samples of driver  
2 licenses (or copies thereof) issued at the time of this agreement and  
3 thereafter, as well as a definition of all classes of driver licenses,  
4 notations and restrictions;

5 2. This agreement shall only apply to holders of unrestricted driver  
6 licenses aged 18 or older and shall not apply to applications for driver  
7 licenses for the operation of a commercial motor vehicle or motorcycle.

8 3. For the decision on the issuance of a driver license, the same  
9 standards, rules and regulations as for any resident of the state of New  
10 York and/or the Republic of China (Taiwan) shall apply.

11 4. Each side shall agree to verify whether the driver still has a  
12 valid driver license of the state in which he or she was originally  
13 licensed.

14 § 4. The agreement shall be signed by both the commissioner of motor  
15 vehicles of the state of New York and the Director General of the Taipei  
16 Economic and Cultural office in New York and may be cancelled or revoked  
17 in writing by either party at any time and for any reason with three  
18 months notice provided that notification shall be sent to the address  
19 provided by the parties in the agreement.

20 § 5. The commissioner of motor vehicles shall draft the agreement and  
21 present such agreement to the Director General of the Taipei Economic  
22 and Cultural office in New York within ninety days of the date this act  
23 shall have become a law.

24 § 6. This act shall take effect immediately.