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Introduced by M. of A. SANTABARBARA -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to fees charged for the issuance of number plates; and to amend the correction law, in relation to requiring a report on the costs of manufacturing license plates

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

Section 1. Paragraph a of subdivision 3 of section 401 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by section 1 of part H of chapter 59 of the laws of 2009, is amended to read as follows:

a. Upon filing of such application and the payment of the fee hereinafter provided, the commissioner shall assign to such motor vehicle a distinctive number and, without expense to the applicant, issue and deliver in such manner as the commissioner may select to the owner a certificate of registration, in such form as the commissioner shall prescribe, and two number plates at a place within the state of New York named by the applicant in his or her application. A number plate, within the meaning of this chapter, may, in the discretion of the commissioner, be a plate of a permanent nature, treated with reflectorized material according to specifications prescribed by the commissioner, and with a date tag attached to such plate or to the vehicle as prescribed by regulations of the commissioner indicating the validity of the plate during a certain period and the issuance of such a number plate with such date tag to a person possessing such a number plate shall be deemed the issuance of a number plate. An additional fee, not to exceed [~~twenty-five dollars~~] **the actual cost of manufacturing a number plate**, shall be paid to the commissioner whenever a set of reflectorized number plates is issued for any vehicle for which a registration fee is normally charged except that, with respect to any number plate which is specifically requested by the applicant, such fee shall be paid to the commissioner

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

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upon approval of such request. In the event of the loss, mutilation or destruction of any certificate of registration, any number plate or set of number plates whether with or without a date tag or tags, or any date tag or set of date tags provided for in this article, the owner of a registered motor vehicle may file such statement and proof of the facts as the commissioner shall require, with a fee of three dollars, in the office of the commissioner, or, unless and until the commissioner shall otherwise direct, in the office of the agent who issued the certificate, plate, plates, tag or tags and the commissioner or his or her agent, as the case may be, shall issue a duplicate or substitute. It shall be the duty of every owner holding a certificate of registration to notify the commissioner in writing of any change of residence of such person within ten days after such change occurs, and to inscribe on such certificate, in the place provided by the commissioner, a record of such change of residence.

§ 2. Subdivision 3 of section 403 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new paragraph d to read as follows:

d. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph a of this subdivision, no such one-time fee shall be charged for any plates required to be replaced due to any number plate design changes implemented by the commissioner.

§ 3. The opening paragraph of subdivision 2 of section 186 of the correction law, as amended by section 29 of subpart A of part C of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:

The prices established by the commissioner shall be based upon costs as determined pursuant to this subdivision, but shall not exceed a reasonable fair market price determined at or within ninety days before the time of sale. Fair market price as used herein means the price at which a vendor of the same or similar product or service who is regularly engaged in the business of selling such product or service offers to sell such a product or service under similar terms in the same market. However, the price established by the commissioner for license plates sold to the New York state department of motor vehicles shall in no event exceed an amount approved by the director of the budget. **Beginning April first, two thousand twenty-one, and annually thereafter, the commissioner shall report to the director of the budget, the temporary president of the senate and speaker of the assembly on the costs of manufacturing such license plates.**

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately.