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AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to codifying distinctive plates for emergency medical technician paramedics and eliminating the annual service charge for such plates

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 emergency medical technician paramedics. 1. Any emergency medical technician paramedics residing in this state shall, upon request, be issued a license plate bearing the word "Paramedic". 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 herein shall be issued upon proof, satisfactory to the commissioner, that the applicant is an emergency medical technician paramedic.

3. A distinctive plate issued pursuant to this section shall be issued in the same manner as other number plates upon payment of the sixty dollar registration fee, provided, however, that no annual service charge shall be charged for such plate.

§ 2. Distinctive plates issued prior to the effective date of this act bearing the word "paramedic" shall be considered to have been issued under section 404-ff of the vehicle and traffic law and all such plates issued after the effective date of this act shall be issued with the same issuance requirements, fees and service charges as a plate issued under such section.

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

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§ 3. 1. A distinctive plate established pursuant to section 404-ff of the vehicle and traffic law shall only be designed, produced and issued upon the delivery to the department of motor vehicles of a surety bond in the amount of six thousand dollars, which shall be executed by a surety company authorized by the department of financial services to transact business in this state. Provided, however, that if the commissioner of motor vehicles shall have received prior to plate design, production and issuance at least two hundred orders for such distinctive plate together with the additional annual service charge applicable to each such order, which shall be non-refundable, no such surety bond shall be required. All service charges collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited pursuant to the provisions of section 404-oo of the vehicle and traffic law to the credit of the department of motor vehicles distinctive plate development fund established by section 95-g of the state finance law and shall be used for the design, production, advertising and distribution of distinctive license plates in accordance with such section 95-g.

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

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately.