

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. JORDAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation -- 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 requiring that a certain license plate surcharge be deposited into the conservation fund; and to amend the state finance law, in relation to the deposit of certain funds

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

1 Section 1. Section 404-s of the vehicle and traffic law, as added by
2 chapter 304 of the laws of 2001, is renumbered section 404-ff and subdivi-
3 sion 5, as added by section 26 of part EE of chapter 55 of the laws of
4 2014, is amended to read as follows:

5 5. Any New York resident who possesses a hunting, fishing or trapping
6 license issued pursuant to title seven of article eleven of the environ-
7 mental conservation law or an annual vehicle access pass, also known as
8 an empire passport, pursuant to article thirteen of the parks, recre-
9 ation and historic preservation law shall, upon request, be issued the
10 distinctive plate available to a person who purchases a lifetime license
11 or passport, which shall be issued in the same manner as other number
12 plates upon the payment of the regular registration fee prescribed by
13 section four hundred one of this article; provided, however, that an
14 additional annual service charge of fifteen dollars shall be charged for
15 such plate. Such service charge shall be deposited [~~and made available~~
16 ~~in the same manner as set forth in subdivision two of this section~~] into
17 the conservation fund established under section eighty-three of the
18 state finance law.

19 § 2. Paragraph 1 of subdivision a of section 83 of the state finance
20 law, as amended by chapter 512 of the laws of 1994, is amended to read
21 as follows:

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

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1 1. The conservation fund shall consist of all moneys belonging to the
2 state received by the department of environmental conservation from the
3 sale of licenses for hunting, for trapping, and for fishing, all moneys
4 received in actions for penalties under articles eleven and thirteen of
5 the environmental conservation law and subdivision two of section
6 71-1929 of the environmental conservation law, or upon the settlement or
7 compromise thereof, all fines for violation of any of the provisions of
8 articles eleven and thirteen of the environmental conservation law, all
9 moneys arising out of the operation of real property under the jurisdic-
10 tion of the division of fish and wildlife in the department of environ-
11 mental conservation heretofore or hereafter acquired by the state of New
12 York, and from any concessions thereon and from any leases thereof,
13 including moneys received from the sale thereof when authorized by law,
14 all moneys received from leases or rentals of shellfish grounds in the
15 marine and coastal district, all moneys from gifts for fish and wildlife
16 management pursuant to section six hundred twenty-five of the tax law,
17 moneys received by the department of environmental conservation from the
18 sale of limited edition prints of fish and wildlife paintings, as
19 authorized by paragraph t of subdivision two of section 3-0301 of the
20 environmental conservation law, all moneys received from the reimburse-
21 ment provided for in paragraph b of subdivision seven of section 8-0109
22 of the environmental conservation law, all monies received from the
23 department of motor vehicles for the service charge pertaining to the
24 issuance of distinctive plates pursuant to subdivision five of section
25 four hundred four-ff of the vehicle and traffic law, and all other
26 moneys arising out of the application of any provisions of articles
27 eleven and thirteen of the environmental conservation law. These moneys,
28 after appropriation by the legislature, and within the amounts set forth
29 and for the several purposes specified, shall be available to the
30 department of environmental conservation for the care, management,
31 protection and enlargement of the fish, game and shell fish resources of
32 the state and for the promotion of public fishing and shooting. In the
33 accomplishment of these objects the moneys made available hereunder
34 shall be devoted to the purchase or acquisition of lands, lands under
35 water, waters, or rights therein as required, to payment for personal
36 service, for maintenance and operation, and for new construction and
37 permanent betterments, and to all other proper expenses of the depart-
38 ment of environmental conservation in the administration and enforcement
39 of the provisions of articles eleven and thirteen of the environmental
40 conservation law.

41 § 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
42 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately the addition, amend-
43 ment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implemen-
44 tation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and
45 completed on or before such date.