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

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to a pilot program for the use of digital license plates; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

Section 1. Section 402 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new subdivision 9 to read as follows:

9. (a) The commissioner shall institute a pilot program to permit the owner of a registered motor vehicle to display a digital number plate in lieu of one or both of the plates issued under this section.

(b) The commissioner, in consultation with the division of state police, shall adopt regulations for the use of digital number plates. Such regulations need not conform to the requirements of this section as to form of plates but shall: (i) set standards necessary for the safe use of digital number plates; (ii) establish requirements for product oversight and consumer support; (iii) establish requirements for product size, design, display, and functionality; (iv) establish a process for approval of digital number plates products for statewide use; (v) set protocols for data sharing, privacy, and security; (vi) establish the types of number plates that are eligible to use as digital number plates; and (vii) set reporting requirements for companies that sell digital number plates to the public.

(c) The registration number and expiration date shall be clearly visible at a distance of one hundred feet in normal sunlight.

(d) Digital number plates need not display more than one color.

(e) For the purposes of this subdivision "digital number plate" means an electronic display that is mounted on a motor vehicle in the place of, and that serves the function of, a number plate issued by the department under this section.

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

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§ 2. The commissioner of motor vehicles shall review the implementation of the pilot program authorizing the use of digital plates within one year after the effective date of this act. Such review shall include comments and recommendations solicited from the division of state police and other law enforcement agencies. Within eighteen months after the effective date of this act the commissioner shall prepare a report based on the review and submit the report to the legislature.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed two years after such effective date.