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Introduced by M. of A. BARCLAY, BLANKENBUSH, HAWLEY, NORRIS, MANKTELOW, MORINELLO, REILLY, BYRNES, LEMONDES, DeSTEFANO, J. M. GIGLIO, BRABENEC -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. K. BROWN, PALMESANO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to the quantity of disabled person plates issued to a person with disabilities

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 404-a of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 596 of the laws of 1982, is amended to read as follows:

1. Legislative intent. It is the sense of the legislature to facilitate the usual and special uses of the highways and other motor vehicle facilities accorded to [~~severely disabled~~] residents **with severe disabilities** of this state. The commissioner is hereby empowered to issue to such persons, upon their application, special motor vehicle registrations, [~~one set of~~] vehicle identification plates for **each** motor [~~vehicles~~] **vehicle** owned by such persons to be used for the transportation of such [~~severely disabled~~] person [~~and one set of vehicle identification plates for each motor vehicle owned by such persons and used by a severely disabled member of the owner's family~~] **with severe disabilities**.

§ 2. Subdivision 2 of section 404-a of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 191 of the laws of 1991, is amended to read as follows:

2. Registration of vehicles owned by [~~severely disabled~~] persons **with severe disabilities**. The commissioner shall assign to [~~such~~] **each** motor [~~vehicles~~] **vehicle**, including any van or pick-up truck used for transporting persons with disabilities which is not used for commercial purposes, owned **and used** by such persons, a distinctive number and issue and deliver in such manner as the commissioner may select to the owner a

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

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certification of registration, in such form as the commissioner shall prescribe and two number plates **per vehicle owned by such persons**, called [~~disabled~~] person **with disabilities** plates. Said [~~disabled~~] person **with disabilities** plates shall conform to the requirements of section four hundred one of this chapter, but shall bear distinctive marks to distinguish them from number plates to be issued to other persons, qualifying under this chapter. [~~The commissioner, in his discretion, may issue, for any registration year, only one plate as a set for a motor vehicle, in which event a set of disabled person plates for a motor vehicle shall consist of one plate. Where a severely disabled person owns more than one vehicle and such vehicle or vehicles is or are used by severely disabled members of the owner's family who reside with the owner, the commissioner shall issue one set of plates for each additional vehicle used by such severely disabled person, provided that such user qualifies as a severely disabled person in the manner required by this section.~~]

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall have become a law provided, however, that effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rules or regulations necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date is authorized and directed to be made and completed on or before such effective date.