STATE OF NEW YORK

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Introduced by Sen. COONEY -- 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 distinctive license plates issued to congressional medal of honor recipients

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

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Sergeant Gary Beikirch Memorial Act".

§ 2. Section 404-p of the vehicle and traffic law, as added by chapter 486 of the laws of 1996, subdivision 3 as amended by chapter 415 of the laws of 2001, is amended to read as follows:

§ 404-p. Distinctive plates for congressional medal of honor recipients. 1. Any congressional medal of honor recipient residing in this state **or the spouse of any such recipient** shall, upon request, be issued a license plate bearing the words "congressional medal of honor". **If a distinctive plate is issued to a congressional medal of honor recipient pursuant to this section, additional distinctive plates may be issued for every vehicle registered in the name of the congressional medal of honor recipient residing in this state or the spouse of such congressional medal of honor recipient.** 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 **or the spouse of the applicant** is a congressional medal of honor recipient.

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

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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