

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. KENNEDY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to creating the "4-H member" distinctive license plate; and to amend the state finance law, in relation to establishing the 4-H foundation fund

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

1 Section 1. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new  
2 section 404-ff to read as follows:

3 § 404-ff. Distinctive 4-H member license plates. 1. Any person resid-  
4 ing in this state shall, upon request, be issued a distinctive "4-H  
5 member" license plate. Application for such license plate shall be  
6 filed with the commissioner in such form and detail as the commissioner  
7 shall prescribe.

8 2. A distinctive plate issued pursuant to this section shall be issued  
9 in the same manner as other number plates upon the payment of the regu-  
10 lar registration fee prescribed by section four hundred one of this  
11 article; provided, however, that an additional annual service charge of  
12 twenty-five dollars shall be charged for such plates. Such annual  
13 service charge shall be deposited pursuant to the provisions of section  
14 four hundred four-oo of this article, to the credit of the department of  
15 motor vehicles distinctive plate development fund established by section  
16 ninety-five-g of the state finance law, and shall be used for the  
17 production, design, advertising and marketing of distinctive license  
18 plates pursuant to such section ninety-five-g; provided, however, that  
19 annual service charges collected in excess of six thousand dollars shall  
20 be deposited to the credit of the New York 4-H foundation and shall be  
21 used for furtherance of the 4-H program, pursuant to section  
22 ninety-six-a of the state finance law.

23 § 2. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 96-a to  
24 read as follows:

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

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1 § 96-a. The 4-H foundation fund. 1. There is hereby established, in  
2 the joint custody of the commissioner of taxation and finance and the  
3 comptroller, a special fund to be known as the 4-H foundation fund.

4 2. Such fund shall consist of all revenues received pursuant to the  
5 provisions of section four hundred four-ff of the vehicle and traffic  
6 law and all other moneys appropriated, credited, or transferred thereto  
7 from any other fund or source pursuant to law. Nothing contained in  
8 this section shall prevent the state from receiving grants, gifts, or  
9 bequests for the purposes of the fund, as defined in this section, and  
10 depositing them into the fund according to law.

11 3. Monies of the fund shall be expended only for the benefit and  
12 programs of the 4-H foundation.

13 4. Monies shall be payable from the fund on the audit and warrant of  
14 the comptroller on vouchers approved and certified by the commissioner  
15 of agriculture and markets.

16 5. To the extent possible, the commissioner of agriculture and markets  
17 shall ensure that all monies received during a fiscal year are expended  
18 prior to the end of that fiscal year.

19 § 3. 1. A distinctive plate established pursuant to section 404-ff of  
20 the vehicle and traffic law, as added by section one of this act, shall  
21 only be designed, produced and issued upon the delivery to the depart-  
22 ment of motor vehicles of a surety bond in the amount of six thousand  
23 dollars, which shall be executed by a surety company authorized by the  
24 department of financial services to transact business in this state.  
25 Provided, however, that if the commissioner of motor vehicles shall have  
26 received prior to the plate design, production and issuance of at least  
27 two hundred orders for such distinctive plate together with the addi-  
28 tional annual service charge applicable to each such order, which shall  
29 be non-refundable, no such surety bond shall be required. All such  
30 service charges shall be deposited pursuant to the provisions of section  
31 404-oo of the vehicle and traffic law to the credit of the department of  
32 motor vehicles distinctive plate development fund established by section  
33 95-g of the state finance law and shall be used for the design,  
34 production, advertising and distribution of distinctive license plates  
35 in accordance with such section 95-g.

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

43 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that  
44 sections one and three of this act shall take effect on the one hundred  
45 eightieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately,  
46 the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation neces-  
47 sary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are  
48 authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.