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## IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to fees charged  
for the issuance of number plates; and to amend the correction law, in  
relation to requiring a report on the costs of manufacturing license  
plates

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph a of subdivision 3 of section 401 of the vehicle  
2 and traffic law, as amended by section 1 of part H of chapter 59 of the  
3 laws of 2009, is amended to read as follows:  
4 a. Upon filing of such application and the payment of the fee herein-  
5 after provided, the commissioner shall assign to such motor vehicle a  
6 distinctive number and, without expense to the applicant, issue and  
7 deliver in such manner as the commissioner may select to the owner a  
8 certificate of registration, in such form as the commissioner shall  
9 prescribe, and two number plates at a place within the state of New York  
10 named by the applicant in his or her application. A number plate, within  
11 the meaning of this chapter, may, in the discretion of the commissioner,  
12 be a plate of a permanent nature, treated with reflectorized material  
13 according to specifications prescribed by the commissioner, and with a  
14 date tag attached to such plate or to the vehicle as prescribed by regu-  
15 lations of the commissioner indicating the validity of the plate during  
16 a certain period and the issuance of such a number plate with such date  
17 tag to a person possessing such a number plate shall be deemed the issu-  
18 ance of a number plate. An additional fee, not to exceed [~~twenty-five~~  
19 ~~dollars~~] the actual cost of manufacturing a number plate, shall be paid  
20 to the commissioner whenever a set of reflectorized number plates is  
21 issued for any vehicle for which a registration fee is normally charged  
22 except that, with respect to any number plate which is specifically  
23 requested by the applicant, such fee shall be paid to the commissioner

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

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1 upon approval of such request. In the event of the loss, mutilation or  
2 destruction of any certificate of registration, any number plate or set  
3 of number plates whether with or without a date tag or tags, or any date  
4 tag or set of date tags provided for in this article, the owner of a  
5 registered motor vehicle may file such statement and proof of the facts  
6 as the commissioner shall require, with a fee of three dollars, in the  
7 office of the commissioner, or, unless and until the commissioner shall  
8 otherwise direct, in the office of the agent who issued the certificate,  
9 plate, plates, tag or tags and the commissioner or his or her agent, as  
10 the case may be, shall issue a duplicate or substitute. It shall be the  
11 duty of every owner holding a certificate of registration to notify the  
12 commissioner in writing of any change of residence of such person within  
13 ten days after such change occurs, and to inscribe on such certificate,  
14 in the place provided by the commissioner, a record of such change of  
15 residence.

16 § 2. Subdivision 3 of section 403 of the vehicle and traffic law is  
17 amended by adding a new paragraph d to read as follows:

18 d. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph a of this subdivision,  
19 no such one-time fee shall be charged for any plates required to be  
20 replaced due to any number plate design changes implemented by the  
21 commissioner.

22 § 3. The opening paragraph of subdivision 2 of section 186 of the  
23 correction law, as amended by section 29 of subpart A of part C of chap-  
24 ter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:

25 The prices established by the commissioner shall be based upon costs  
26 as determined pursuant to this subdivision, but shall not exceed a  
27 reasonable fair market price determined at or within ninety days before  
28 the time of sale. Fair market price as used herein means the price at  
29 which a vendor of the same or similar product or service who is regular-  
30 ly engaged in the business of selling such product or service offers to  
31 sell such a product or service under similar terms in the same market.  
32 However, the price established by the commissioner for license plates  
33 sold to the New York state department of motor vehicles shall in no  
34 event exceed an amount approved by the director of the budget. Beginning  
35 April first, two thousand twenty-three, and annually thereafter, the  
36 commissioner shall report to the director of the budget, the temporary  
37 president of the senate and speaker of the assembly on the costs of  
38 manufacturing such license plates.

39 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately.