STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

May 15, 2024

Introduced by Sen. COONEY -- 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 requiring the issuance of stickers for alternative fuel vehicles

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

Section 1. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new section 401-c to read as follows:

§ 401-c. Alternative fuel stickers. 1. The commissioner shall adopt rules and regulations requiring the issuance of special stickers identifying alternative fuel vehicles. Such rules and regulations shall: require that such stickers shall be affixed to the inside of a vehicle's windshield and that such stickers shall be easily identifiable to first responders as an alternative fuel vehicle; differentiate between personal and commercial vehicles; require that applications for motor vehicle registration or re-registration include information pertaining to whether a vehicle is an alternative fuel vehicle; and provide that an owner of an alternative fuel vehicle may request such special sticker upon submission of specific information.

2. Starting January first next succeeding the effective date of this section, the department shall issue to the owner of an alternative fuel vehicle a sticker identifying such vehicle as being an alternative fuel vehicle at the time of registration or re-registration of such vehicle. Such sticker may also be requested by the owner of an alternative fuel vehicle at other times upon the submission of such information as required by the commissioner.

3. Stickers shall be produced in a size and form suitable for application to the inside of a vehicle's windshield and shall be applied by the owner of the vehicle to the windshield of the vehicle adjacent to the vehicle's registration sticker in a manner so as to not obstruct or interfere with the view of the vehicle operator through the windshield, or to prevent the operator from having a clear and full view of the road and conditions.

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

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4. For the purposes of this section, "alternative fuel" means: biodiesel (B100); natural gas and liquid fuels domestically produced from natural gas; propane (liquefied petroleum gas); electricity; hydrogen; blends of eighty-five percent or more of methanol, denatured ethanol, and other alcohols with gasoline or other fuels; methanol, denatured ethanol, and other alcohols; coal-derived, domestically produced liquid fuels; fuels (other than alcohol) derived from biological materials; and p-series fuels.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.