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Introduced by M. of A. COLTON, MILLER, BUTTENSCHON, DeSTEFANO, SAYEGH, HYNDMAN, EPSTEIN, STECK -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. RIVERA -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to affixing the designation "qualified hybrid vehicle" and the estimated miles per gallon of such vehicle as calculated by the United States environmental protection agency onto all car registration forms

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 125-b to read as follows:

3 § 125-b. Qualified hybrid vehicle. A qualified hybrid vehicle is a  
4 motor vehicle as defined in section one hundred twenty-five of this  
5 article, other than an electric vehicle, that draws propulsion energy  
6 from both an internal combustion engine (or heat engine that uses  
7 combustive fuel) and an energy storage device, and employs a regenera-  
8 tive vehicle braking system that recovers waste energy to charge such  
9 energy storage device.

10 § 2. Subparagraphs (e) and (f) of paragraph b of subdivision 1 of  
11 section 401 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 222 of  
12 the laws of 1996, are amended to read as follows:

13 (e) provided, that, if such motor vehicle is an altered livery, the  
14 applicant shall so furnish a certified copy of the length of the center  
15 panel of such vehicle, provided, however, that the commissioner shall  
16 require such proof, as [~~he~~] such commissioner may determine is neces-  
17 sary, in the application for registration and provided further, if the  
18 center panel of such vehicle exceeds one hundred inches, the commis-  
19 sioner shall require proof that such vehicle is in compliance with all  
20 applicable federal and state motor vehicle safety standards; [~~and~~] (f)  
21 provided, that, if such motor vehicle is a "qualified hybrid vehicle" as  
22 defined in section one hundred twenty-five-b of this chapter, the appli-

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

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1 cant shall furnish proof to the commissioner, in the application for  
2 registration, or otherwise, of the make, model and model year of such  
3 applicant's motor vehicle. If such proof has been submitted, such appli-  
4 cant's certificate of registration shall contain a distinguishing mark  
5 which shall designate such applicant's motor vehicle as a "qualified  
6 hybrid vehicle," and shall also display such motor vehicle's United  
7 States environmental protection agency highway fuel economy rating of  
8 forty-five miles per gallon or more. The commissioner is hereby author-  
9 ized to promulgate any rules and regulations necessary for the implemen-  
10 tation of the provisions of this subparagraph; and (g) such additional  
11 facts or evidence as the commissioner may require in connection with the  
12 application for registration.

13 § 3. Paragraph a of subdivision 3 of section 401 of the vehicle and  
14 traffic law, as amended by section 1 of part H of chapter 59 of the laws  
15 of 2009, is amended to read as follows:

16 a. Upon filing of such application and the payment of the fee herein-  
17 after provided, the commissioner shall assign to such motor vehicle a  
18 distinctive number and, without expense to the applicant, issue and  
19 deliver in such manner as the commissioner may select to the owner a  
20 certificate of registration, in such form as the commissioner shall  
21 prescribe[7]. Such certificate of registration shall contain a distin-  
22 guishing mark which shall designate such motor vehicle as a "qualified  
23 hybrid vehicle" as defined in section one hundred twenty-five-b of this  
24 chapter, pursuant to subparagraph (f) of paragraph b of subdivision one  
25 of this section, and shall contain adequate space upon which such motor  
26 vehicle's United States environmental protection agency highway fuel  
27 economy rating of forty-five miles per gallon or more shall be  
28 displayed. The commissioner shall also issue and deliver two number  
29 plates at a place within the state of New York named by the applicant in  
30 [~~his or her~~] the applicant's application. A number plate, within the  
31 meaning of this chapter, may, in the discretion of the commissioner, be  
32 a plate of a permanent nature, treated with reflectorized material  
33 according to specifications prescribed by the commissioner, and with a  
34 date tag attached to such plate or to the vehicle as prescribed by regu-  
35 lations of the commissioner indicating the validity of the plate during  
36 a certain period and the issuance of such a number plate with such date  
37 tag to a person possessing such a number plate shall be deemed the issu-  
38 ance of a number plate. An additional fee, not to exceed twenty-five  
39 dollars, shall be paid to the commissioner whenever a set of reflector-  
40 ized number plates is issued for any vehicle for which a registration  
41 fee is normally charged except that, with respect to any number plate  
42 which is specifically requested by the applicant, such fee shall be paid  
43 to the commissioner upon approval of such request. In the event of the  
44 loss, mutilation or destruction of any certificate of registration, any  
45 number plate or set of number plates whether with or without a date tag  
46 or tags, or any date tag or set of date tags provided for in this arti-  
47 cle, the owner of a registered motor vehicle may file such statement and  
48 proof of the facts as the commissioner shall require, with a fee of  
49 three dollars, in the office of the commissioner, or, unless and until  
50 the commissioner shall otherwise direct, in the office of the agent who  
51 issued the certificate, plate, plates, tag or tags and the commissioner  
52 or [~~his or her~~] the commissioner's agent, as the case may be, shall  
53 issue a duplicate or substitute. It shall be the duty of every owner  
54 holding a certificate of registration to notify the commissioner in  
55 writing of any change of residence of such person within ten days after

1 such change occurs, and to inscribe on such certificate, in the place  
2 provided by the commissioner, a record of such change of residence.  
3 § 4. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
4 it shall have become a law.