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

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to requiring the issuance of special stickers for alternative fuel vehicles having a gross vehicle weight of ten thousand pounds or less

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 having a gross vehicle weight of ten thousand pounds or less. Such rules and regulations shall: require that such stickers shall be affixed to the vehicle's windshield and rear window and that such stickers shall be easily identifiable to first responders as an alternative fuel vehicle; 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 stickers 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 having a gross vehicle weight of ten thousand pounds or less two stickers identifying such vehicle as being an alternative fuel vehicle at the time of registration or re-registration of such vehicle. The stickers shall, to the maximum extent possible, be based on SAE Recommended Practice J3108-1. Such stickers 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.

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

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3. Stickers shall be produced in a size and form suitable for application to the vehicle's windshield and rear window and shall be applied by the owner of the vehicle to the front 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, or interfere with or cover the vehicle identification number and to the rear window of the vehicle.

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.