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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. EACHUS, McDONOUGH, COLTON, STERN, BUTTENSCHON, SAYEGH, BEEPHAN, BLANKENBUSH, BRABENEC, MANKTELOW, BERGER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to authorizing distinctive license plates for recipients of the Bronze or Silver star

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 plates for Bronze or Silver star recipients. 1.  
4 Any recipient of a Bronze star or a Silver star residing in this state  
5 or the spouse of any such recipient shall, upon request, be issued a  
6 license plate bearing the words "Bronze star recipient" or "Silver star  
7 recipient". If a distinctive plate is issued to a Bronze or Silver star  
8 recipient pursuant to this section, such a distinctive plate shall not  
9 be issued to the spouse of such recipient. Application for said license  
10 plate shall be filed with the commissioner in such form and detail as  
11 the commissioner shall prescribe.

12 2. The distinctive plate authorized in this section shall be issued  
13 upon proof, satisfactory to the commissioner, that the applicant or the  
14 spouse of the applicant is a Bronze or Silver star recipient.

15 3. A distinctive plate issued pursuant to this section shall be issued  
16 in the same manner as other number plates upon payment of the regular  
17 registration fee prescribed by section four hundred one of this article,  
18 provided, however, that an additional one-time service charge of ten  
19 dollars shall be charged for such plate. Provided, however, that one  
20 year after the effective date of this section, funds in the amount of  
21 five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be available, shall be  
22 allocated to the department to offset costs associated with the  
23 production of such license plates.

24 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after  
25 it shall have become a law.

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

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