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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. HELMING -- 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 issuance of distinctive plates for members of the Red Knights International Motorcycle Club

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 members of the Red Knights Interna-  
4 tional Motorcycle Club. 1. Any member of the Red Knights International  
5 Motorcycle Club residing in this state shall, upon request, be issued a  
6 license plate bearing the words "Red Knights International Motorcycle  
7 Club". Application for such license plate shall be filed with the  
8 commissioner in such form and detail as the commissioner shall  
9 prescribe.

10 2. The distinctive plate authorized pursuant to this section shall be  
11 issued upon proof, satisfactory to the commissioner, that the applicant  
12 is a member of the Red Knights International Motorcycle Club.

13 3. A distinctive plate issued pursuant to this section shall be issued  
14 in the same manner as other number plates upon payment of the regular  
15 registration fee prescribed by section four hundred one of this article,  
16 provided, however, that an additional annual service charge of thirty  
17 dollars shall be charged for such plate.

18 § 2. 1. A distinctive plate established pursuant to section 404-ff of  
19 the vehicle and traffic law as added by section one of this act shall  
20 only be designed, produced and issued upon the delivery to the depart-  
21 ment of motor vehicles of a surety bond in the amount of six thousand  
22 dollars, which shall be executed by a surety company authorized by the  
23 department of financial services to transact business in this state.

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

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1 Provided, however, that if the commissioner of motor vehicles shall have  
2 received prior to plate design, production and issuance at least two  
3 hundred orders for such distinctive plate together with the additional  
4 annual service charge applicable to each such order, which shall be  
5 non-refundable, no such surety bond shall be required. All service  
6 charges collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited pursuant  
7 to the provisions of section 404-00 of the vehicle and traffic law to  
8 the credit of the department of motor vehicles distinctive plate devel-  
9 opment fund established by section 95-g of the state finance law and  
10 shall be used for the design, production, advertising and distribution  
11 of distinctive license plates in accordance with such section 95-g.

12 2. If, upon the expiration of two years following the date upon which  
13 distinctive plates in the series are first available for sale two  
14 hundred or more sets of such plates are sold, a bond delivered pursuant  
15 to this section shall be discontinued. If fewer than two hundred sets of  
16 such plates are sold by such time, the department of motor vehicles  
17 shall be entitled to recover against the bond in an amount proportionate  
18 to such shortfall.

19 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that  
20 section one of this act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth  
21 day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addi-  
22 tion, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for  
23 the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to  
24 be made and completed on or before such effective date.