

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

## IN SENATE

November 7, 2025

Introduced by Sen. C. RYAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to the issuance of license plates for disabled veterans

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

1 Section 1. Paragraphs (c) and (d) of subdivision 4 of section 404-a of  
2 the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 376 of the laws of  
3 2015, are amended and a new paragraph (e) is added to read as follows:

4 (c) Has a physical or mental impairment or condition which is other  
5 than those specified above, but is of such nature as to impose unusual  
6 hardship in utilization of public transportation facilities and such  
7 condition is certified by a physician, physician assistant or nurse  
8 practitioner, to the extent authorized by law and consistent with subdi-  
9 vision three of section six thousand nine hundred two of the education  
10 law, duly licensed to practice in this state, or, pursuant to subdivi-  
11 sion four-a of this section, a podiatrist duly licensed to practice  
12 podiatry in this state or, pursuant to subdivision four-b of this  
13 section, an optometrist duly licensed to practice optometry in this  
14 state, as constituting an equal degree of disability (specifying the  
15 particular condition) so as to prevent such person from getting around  
16 without great difficulty in accordance with subdivision two of this  
17 section; [~~or~~]

18 (d) A blind person[-]; or

19 (e) Is rated one hundred percent disabled by the United States depart-  
20 ment of veterans affairs.

21 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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