STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

February 10, 2026

Introduced by Sen. WEIK -- 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 providing distinctive license plates for family members of police officers killed in the line of duty and eliminating the registration fee for family member distinctive license plates

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 404-ff to read as follows:

§ 404-ff. Distinctive plates for families of police officers killed in the line of duty. 1. Any parent of a police officer killed in the line of duty or the spouse of a parent of a police officer killed in the line of duty, or the surviving spouse of a fallen police officer, or any child, step-child, sibling, step-sibling, or grandparent of a fallen police officer residing in this state shall, upon request, be issued a license plate bearing the words "police officer killed in the line of duty family". If a distinctive plate is issued to a family member of a police officer killed in the line of duty pursuant to this section, additional distinctive plates may be issued for every vehicle registered in the name of the family member of a police officer killed in the line of duty recipient residing in this state or the spouse of a police officer killed in the line of duty family member. Application for said license plate shall be filed with the commissioner in such form and detail as the commissioner shall prescribe.

2. The distinctive plate authorized herein shall be issued upon proof, satisfactory to the commissioner, that the applicant or the spouse of the applicant is a parent or the spouse of a fallen police officer parent, or the surviving spouse of a fallen police officer, or any child, step-child, sibling, step-sibling, or grandparent of a fallen police officer.

3. A distinctive plate issued pursuant to this section shall be issued in the same manner as other number plates provided, however, no registration fee or service charge shall be charged for such plate.

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

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§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such date.