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

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to authorizing the issuance of licenses and non-driver identification cards containing a Lifetime Liberty Pass distinguishing mark

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 504 of the vehicle and traffic law
2 is amended by adding a new paragraph (a-2) to read as follows:

3 (a-2) Every license or renewal thereof issued to an applicant who:
4 (i) was a member of the armed forces of the United States; (ii) received
5 an honorable discharge or was released therefrom under honorable condi-
6 tions; and (iii) qualifies for and has received a Lifetime Liberty Pass
7 permitting qualified veterans with disabilities discounted use of state
8 parks, historic sites, and recreational facilities operated by the
9 office of parks, recreation and historic preservation and the state
10 department of environmental conservation, shall, upon such person's
11 request and submission of proof as set forth herein, contain a distin-
12 guishing mark, in such form as the commissioner shall determine, indi-
13 cating that such person is a holder of a Lifetime Liberty Pass. Such
14 proof shall consist of a certificate of release or discharge from active
15 duty including but not limited to a DD Form 214, a copy of such person's
16 Lifetime Liberty Pass or other proof satisfactory to the commissioner.
17 The commissioner shall not require fees for the issuance of such
18 licenses or renewals thereof to persons requesting a Lifetime Liberty
19 Pass distinguishing mark which are different from fees otherwise
20 required; provided, however, that notwithstanding the provisions of this
21 section, the commissioner shall not require fees for a duplication or
22 amendment of a license prior to its renewal if such duplication or
23 amendment was solely for the purpose of adding to such license.

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

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§ 2. Subdivision 3 of section 490 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new paragraph (b-1) to read as follows:

(b-1) Every identification card or renewal thereof issued to an applicant who: (i) was a member of the armed forces of the United States; (ii) received an honorable discharge or was released therefrom under honorable conditions; and (iii) qualifies for and has received a Lifetime Liberty Pass permitting qualified veterans with disabilities discounted use of state parks, historic sites, and recreational facilities operated by the office of parks, recreation and historic preservation and the state department of environmental conservation, shall, upon such person's request and submission of proof as set forth herein, contain a distinguishing mark, in such form as the commissioner shall determine, indicating that such person is a holder of a Lifetime Liberty Pass. Such proof shall consist of a certificate of release or discharge from active duty including but not limited to a DD Form 214, a copy of such person's Lifetime Liberty Pass or other proof satisfactory to the commissioner. The commissioner shall not require fees for the issuance of such identification cards or renewals thereof to persons requesting a Lifetime Liberty Pass distinguishing mark which are different from fees otherwise required; provided, however, that notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the commissioner shall not require fees for a duplication or amendment of an identification card prior to its renewal if such duplication or amendment was solely for the purpose of adding a Lifetime Liberty Pass distinguishing mark to such identification card.

§ 3. 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 effective date.