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Introduced by M. of A. BLANKENBUSH, ANGELINO, BRABENEC, DeSTEFANO, DURSO, HAWLEY, McDONOUGH, MILLER, SEPTIMO, SMULLEN, TAGUE, TANNOUSIS -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to eliminating the photo image fee for veterans who have their license amended with a veteran notation

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

Section 1. Paragraph (d) of subdivision 2 of section 491 of the vehicle and traffic law, as added by chapter 295 of the laws of 1983, is amended to read as follows:

(d) There shall be no fee other than a fee prescribed in paragraph (c) of this subdivision for an amended identification card. **There shall be no fee, including the fee prescribed in paragraph (c) of this subdivision, for an amended identification card for an amendment that solely adds a veteran notation upon such identification card that the card holder is a veteran of the United States armed forces pursuant to paragraph (b) of subdivision three of section four hundred ninety of this article.**

§ 2. Subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (d) of subdivision 2 of section 503 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 55 of the laws of 1992, is amended to read as follows:

(ii) If a knowledge test or [~~test~~] **tests** are required to be passed to secure an amended learner's permit or license, the fees for taking of such test or tests specified in paragraph (a) of this subdivision shall be paid. However, if an amendment is to add only an endorsement or endorsements which require only the passing of a knowledge test or tests, a fee of five dollars shall be paid. If a road test or tests are required to be passed to secure an amended license, the fees for taking such test or tests specified in paragraph (b) of this subdivision shall

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

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be paid. If no knowledge or road test is required to secure an amended license, the fee required for such amended license shall be five dollars. In addition, if the fee for the amended learner's permit or license is greater than the fee for the learner's permit or license being amended, the difference in fee shall be paid. If the amendment is only to correct or update a driver's record, no fee other than the photo image fee shall be required. **No fee, including the photo image fee, shall be charged for an amendment which solely adds a veteran notation upon such license that the driver is a veteran of the United States armed forces pursuant to paragraph (a-1) of subdivision one of section five hundred four of this article.**

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.