# STATE OF NEW YORK

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# IN SENATE

May 15, 2026

Introduced by Sens. FAHY, CLEARE, RAMOS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Finance

AN ACT to amend the state finance law and the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to enacting the "Creating Lasting Access to Supported and Inclusive Careers for New York (CLASSIC NY) act"

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

Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Creating Lasting Access to Supported and Inclusive Careers for New York (CLASSIC NY) act".

§ 2. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 99-uu to read as follows:

**§ 99-uu. Disability employment innovation fund. 1. There is hereby established in the custody of the state comptroller a special fund to be known as the "disability employment innovation fund".**

**2. Such fund shall consist of all moneys collected pursuant to section four hundred four-ff of the vehicle and traffic law, and any other moneys appropriated, credited, or transferred thereto.**

**3. Moneys of the fund shall be made available for programs supporting employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities and shall be administered through a coordinated interagency process led jointly by the office for people with developmental disabilities, the adult career and continuing education services - vocational rehabilitation program within the department of education, and the office of mental health, in consultation with the department of labor and the commissioner of motor vehicles.**

**4. On or before February first of each year, the administering agencies designated under subdivision three of this section shall jointly submit a report to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, and the speaker of the assembly detailing revenues received, expenditures made, and outcomes achieved, including but not limited to the number of individuals served and employment outcomes.**

§ 3. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new section 404-ff to read as follows:

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

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§ 404-ff. Issuance of "Classic NY" series license plates.

1. (a) The commissioner is authorized to issue, upon request of any person in this state, special edition reissued historical license plate designs, which may be branded or marketed as part of the "Classic NY" series. Application for such license plate shall be filed with the commissioner in such form and detail as the commissioner shall prescribe.

(b) A distinctive plate issued pursuant to this section shall be issued in the same manner as other number plates upon the payment of the regular registration fee prescribed by section four hundred one of this article, provided, however that an additional annual service charge of twenty-five dollars shall be charged for such plates.

2. Each twenty-five dollars received as the annual service charge under paragraph (b) of subdivision one of this section shall be deposited to the credit of the disability employment innovation fund established pursuant to section ninety-nine-uu of the state finance law and shall be used for the purposes under such section.

3. (a) The commissioner is authorized to identify, reserve, and auction license plate configurations created pursuant to this section that are determined to have elevated market value.

(b) Such auctions may be conducted by public auction, including through electronic or online platforms, in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the commissioner.

(c) The commissioner shall establish standards governing permissible plate configurations, bidding procedures, and consumer protections.

(d) All proceeds from such auctions shall be deposited in the disability employment innovation fund established pursuant to section ninety-nine-uu of the state finance law.

§ 4. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth 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.