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Introduced by Sen. WALCZYK -- 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 extending the registration period for trailers to five years

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph a of subdivision 8 of section 401 of the vehicle
2 and traffic law, as amended by section 13 of part G of chapter 59 of the
3 laws of 2009, is amended to read as follows:

4 a. The provisions of this chapter in relation to registration books
5 and registration, certificates of registration, number plates, dupli-
6 cates of certificates and number plates, [~~times of registration~~] and
7 reregistration [~~and the duration thereof,~~] for motor vehicles, shall

8 apply also to trailers. The provisions of this chapter in relation to
9 the times of registration and reregistration and the duration thereof
10 for motor vehicles shall apply also to coach and house trailers and to
11 semitrailers. Registration for a trailer, other than a coach or house
12 trailer or a semitrailer, shall be valid for a period of five years. The

13 following fees shall be paid upon the registration or reregistration of
14 a trailer, other than a coach or house trailer or a semitrailer, in
15 accordance with the provisions of this article: The [~~annual~~] fee of
16 [~~five~~] twenty-six dollars and [~~thirty-nine~~] ninety-five cents for each
17 five hundred pounds or fraction thereof of maximum gross weight but in

18 no case shall the [~~annual~~] fee be less than [~~fourteen~~] seventy-one
19 dollars and [~~thirty-eight~~] ninety cents. The following fees shall be

20 paid upon the registration or reregistration of a coach or house trailer
21 in accordance with the provisions of this article: The annual fee of one
22 dollar and seventy-three cents for each one hundred pounds or major
23 fraction thereof of unladen weight but in no case shall the annual fee
24 be less than twenty-one dollars and fifty-seven cents. The following
25 fees shall be paid upon the registration or reregistration of a semi-

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

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1 trailer in accordance with provisions of this article: The annual fee of
2 twenty-eight dollars and seventy-five cents. However, upon the request
3 of the applicant upon the registration or renewal of a registration of a
4 nineteen hundred eighty-nine or later model year semitrailer, such semi-
5 trailer may be registered for a period of not less than five and one-
6 half nor more than six and one-half years for a fee of eighty-six
7 dollars and twenty-five cents. A semitrailer, used with any device for
8 converting it to a trailer, other than one being drawn by a tractor
9 semitrailer combination as part of a double tandem combination, shall be
10 registered as a trailer.

11 For the purposes of this paragraph, the unladen weight of a coach or
12 house trailer shall include the weight of any equipment permanently
13 attached to or installed in such trailer. Notwithstanding the foregoing
14 provisions and pursuant to regulations and limitations to be established
15 by the commissioner and upon payment of a fee of two dollars and thirty
16 cents therefor a temporary permit to move a coach or house trailer on
17 the public highways from one site to another shall be issued to the
18 owner thereof upon application therefor. Such application shall be made
19 in the manner prescribed by the commissioner.

20 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately, and shall apply to all
21 registrations and reregistrations issued on or after such date.