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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. ORTT -- 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 distinctive plates for medal of honor recipients

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

Section 1. Section 404-p of the vehicle and traffic law, as added by chapter 145 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

§ 404-p. Distinctive plates for [~~congressional~~] medal of honor recipients. 1. Any [~~congressional~~] medal of honor recipient residing in this state or the spouse of any such recipient shall, upon request, be issued a license plate bearing the words "[~~congressional~~] medal of honor". If a distinctive plate is issued to a [~~congressional~~] medal of honor recipient pursuant to this section, additional distinctive plates may be issued for every vehicle registered in the name of the [~~congressional~~] medal of honor recipient residing in this state or the spouse of such [~~congressional~~] medal of honor recipient. 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 [~~congressional~~] medal of honor recipient.

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

§ 2. Distinctive plates issued pursuant to section 404-p of the vehicle and traffic law prior to the amendment of such section made by section one of this act shall be reissued to any person assigned such plate upon such person's request. No fee or service charge shall be charged for the reissuance of such plate. Provided, however, that notwithstanding the provisions of section one of this act, nothing

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

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contained in this act shall be deemed to invalidate "Congressional Medal of Honor" distinctive license plates issued prior to the effective date of this act.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law.