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Introduced by Sen. SCARCELLA-SPANTON -- 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 allowing retired service members to qualify for distinctive license plates

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

Section 1. Section 404-d of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 486 of the laws of 1996 and subdivision 3 as amended by chapter 415 of the laws of 2001, is amended to read as follows:

§ 404-d. Distinctive plates for members of the organized militia and reserve. 1. Any **current, active or retired** member of the organized militia of the state of New York and any member of a reserve unit from this state of any branch of the armed forces of the United States or the spouse of any such member shall, upon request, be issued a license plate bearing a militiaman and the appropriate organization -- army national guard, air national guard, state guard or naval militia, army reserve, marine corps reserve, air force reserve, navy reserve or coast guard reserve. If a distinctive plate is issued to a member of the organized militia pursuant to this section, such a distinctive plate shall not be issued to the spouse of such member of the organized militia. Application for said license plate shall be filed with the commissioner in such form and detail as the commissioner shall prescribe, and shall be verified annually by the applicant.

2. The distinctive plate authorized in subdivision one of this section shall be issued upon proof, satisfactory to the commissioner, that the applicant or the spouse of the applicant is presently [~~an~~] **a current,** active **or retired** member of the organized militia or reserve.

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

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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