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IN SENATE

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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 special license plates for vehicles owned or used by people with disabilities

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

Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 404-a of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 191 of the laws of 1991, is amended to read as follows:

2. Registration of vehicles owned **or used** by severely disabled persons. The commissioner shall assign to such motor vehicles, including any van or pick-up truck used for transporting persons with disabilities **or any specialized vehicle, as defined by paragraph b of subdivision sixteen of section four hundred one of this article,** which is not used for commercial purposes, owned by such persons, **or the parents or guardians of such persons,** a distinctive number and issue and deliver in such manner as the commissioner may select to the owner a certification of registration, in such form as the commissioner shall prescribe and two number plates, called disabled person plates. Said disabled person plates shall conform to the requirements of section four hundred one of this [~~chapter~~] **article**, but shall bear distinctive marks to distinguish them from number plates to be issued to other persons, qualifying under this chapter. The commissioner, in [~~his~~] **such commissioner's** discretion, may issue, for any registration year, only one plate as a set for a motor vehicle, in which event a set of disabled person plates for a motor vehicle shall consist of one plate. Where a severely disabled person**, or by the parents or guardians of such persons,** owns more than one vehicle and such vehicle or vehicles is or are used by severely disabled members of the owner's family who reside with the owner, the commissioner shall issue one set of plates for each additional vehicle **owned or** used by such severely disabled person, **or by the parents or**

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

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guardians of such persons, provided that such **owner or** user**, or the child of such owner or user,** qualifies as a severely disabled person in the manner required by this section.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.