STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

March 20, 2025

Introduced by Sen. WEBER -- 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 discontinuing service fees for distinctive license plates issued to veterans

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

Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 404-h of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 415 of the laws of 2001, is amended to read as follows:

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. Subdivision 4 of section 404-j of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 415 of the laws of 2001, is amended to read as follows:

4. Fee. A special plate and registration issued pursuant to this section shall be issued 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~~].

§ 3. Subdivision 3 of section 404-k of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 415 of the laws of 2001, is amended to read as follows:

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~~].

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

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§ 4. Subdivision 3 of section 404-v of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 490 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

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. Provided, however, that one year after the effective date of this section funds in the amount of five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be available, shall be allocated from such funds to the department to offset costs associated with the production of such license plates~~].

§ 5. Subdivision 3 of section 404-w of the vehicle and traffic law, as added by chapter 105 of the laws of 2005, is amended to read as follows:

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~~].

§ 6. Subdivision 4 of section 404-w of the vehicle and traffic law, as added by chapter 493 of the laws of 2005, is amended to read as follows:

4. 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~~].

§ 7. Subdivision 1-a of section 404 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 105 of the laws of 2017, is amended to read as follows:

1-a. The commissioner may issue special number plates to applicants who are members of veterans organizations in the same manner as other number plates are issued pursuant to this article. Such special number plates shall be issued only upon (a) payment of a one-time service charge of ten dollars in addition to the regular registration fee prescribed by section four hundred one of this article**, provided that such service charge shall be waived for any applicant who has been a member of the veterans organization for five or more years**, and (b) submission of proof, satisfactory to the commissioner, that the applicant is presently a member of the veterans organization for which such plate is requested. Such membership shall be verified annually by the applicant. Application for such plates shall be made in accordance with regulations promulgated by the commissioner with respect to the issuance of such plates. Provided, however, that nothing contained herein shall be deemed to supersede the provisions of section four hundred four-d, four hundred four-e, four hundred four-h, four hundred four-i, four hundred four-j, four hundred four-k, four hundred four-p, four hundred four-aa, or four hundred four-dd of this article.

§ 8. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall have become a law.