§ 404-i. Distinctive plates for gold star mothers. 1. Any gold star mother or the spouse of a gold star mother residing in this state shall, upon request, be issued a license plate bearing the words "gold star mother". If a distinctive plate is issued to a gold star mother pursuant to this section, additional distinctive plates may be issued for every vehicle registered in the name of the gold star mother recipient residing in this state or the spouse of such gold star mother. 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 gold star mother.

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 no service charge shall be charged for such plate.