§ 404-j. Registration and issuance of special number plates for veterans who survived the Pearl Harbor attack. 1. Registration of vehicles owned by veterans who survived the Pearl Harbor attack. The commissioner shall assign to motor vehicles, owned by persons who while on military duty serving in the armed forces of the United States survived the Pearl Harbor attack by Japan on December seventh, nineteen hundred forty-one or the spouse of such a person, 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 Pearl Harbor attack veterans plates. Said plates shall conform to the requirements of section four hundred one of this chapter, but shall bear the distinctive words PEARL HARBOR SURVIVOR to distinguish them from number plates to be issued to other persons, qualifying under this chapter. The commissioner, in his discretion, may issue, for any registration year, only one plate as a set for a motor vehicle, in which event a set of plates for a motor vehicle shall consist of one plate. If a distinctive plate set is issued to a Pearl Harbor attack veteran pursuant to this section, such a distinctive plate set shall not be issued to the spouse of such veteran.

2. Issue of plates. The commissioner shall issue sets of plates to such person in accordance with subdivision one of this section with proof by such person or the spouse of such person that such person survived the Pearl Harbor attack by Japan on December seventh, nineteen hundred forty-one in a manner satisfactory to the commissioner who is empowered to carry out the effects of this section by formulating rules and regulations. Such plates shall not be considered as "vanity plates". The plates authorized to be issued hereunder are special and are to be issued in recognition of valiant service rendered by the veteran to the United States.

3. Application for registration. (a) The application for registration under this section shall be filed with the commissioner of motor vehicles in such form and detail as the commissioner shall prescribe, setting forth such information as the commissioner may reasonably prescribe beyond such information required under section four hundred

one of this chapter.

(b) Application under this section shall only apply to a vehicle subject to registration pursuant to subdivision six of section four hundred one of this chapter and as provided in subdivision one of this section.

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.