*** § 404-v. Distinctive plates for water rescue team members.** 1. Any member of a water rescue team shall, upon request, be issued a license plate bearing the emblem and words "New York State" on the top of the license plate and "Water Rescue" on the bottom of the license plate. A dive flag shall be included on the face of the distinctive plate. 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 is presently an active member of a water rescue team and shall be surrendered upon the separation from a water rescue team.

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 annual service charge of twenty-five dollars shall be charged for such plate. Such annual service charge shall be deposited to the credit of the New York state water rescue team awareness and research fund established pursuant to section ninety-five-f of the state finance law and shall be used for water team rescue awareness and research projects approved by the office of parks, recreation and historic preservation. 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 to the department to offset costs associated with the production of such license plates.

* NB There are 7 § 404-v's