

STATE OF NEW YORK

7682

IN SENATE

January 7, 2022

Introduced by Sen. COONEY -- 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 distinctive YMCA license plates; and to amend the state finance law, in relation to establishing the New York State YMCA foundation fund

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

1 Section 1. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new
2 section 404-ff to read as follows:

3 § 404-ff. Distinctive YMCA license plates. 1. Any person residing in
4 this state shall, upon request, be issued a distinctive "YMCA member"
5 license plate. Application for such license plate shall be filed with
6 the commissioner in such form and detail as the commissioner shall
7 prescribe.

8 2. A distinctive plate issued pursuant to this section shall be issued
9 in the same manner as other number plates upon the payment of the regu-
10 lar registration fee prescribed by section four hundred one of this
11 article; provided, however, that an additional annual service charge of
12 twenty-five dollars shall be charged for such plates. Such annual
13 service charge shall be deposited pursuant to the provisions of section
14 four hundred four-oo of this article, to the credit of the department of
15 motor vehicles distinctive plate development fund established by section
16 ninety-five-g of the state finance law, and shall be used for the
17 production, design, advertising and marketing of distinctive license
18 plates pursuant to such section ninety-five-g; provided, however, that
19 annual service charges collected in excess of six thousand dollars shall
20 be deposited to the credit of the New York State YMCA foundation, and
21 shall be used for furtherance of the New York State YMCA foundation,
22 pursuant to section ninety-five-k of the state finance law.

23 § 2. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 95-k to
24 read as follows:

25 § 95-k. The New York State YMCA foundation fund. 1. There is hereby
26 established, in the joint custody of the commissioner of taxation and

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

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2 State YMCA foundation fund.

3 2. Such fund shall consist of all revenues received pursuant to the
4 provisions of section four hundred four-ff of the vehicle and traffic
5 law and all other moneys appropriated, credited, or transferred thereto
6 from any other fund or source pursuant to law. Nothing contained in this
7 section shall prevent the state from receiving grants, gifts, or
8 bequests for the purposes of the fund, as defined in this section, and
9 depositing them into the fund according to law.

10 3. Monies of the fund shall be expended only for the benefit and
11 programs of the New York State YMCA foundation.

12 4. Monies shall be payable from the fund on the audit and warrant of
13 the comptroller on vouchers approved and certified by the commissioner
14 of taxation and finance.

15 5. To the extent possible, the commissioner of taxation and finance
16 shall ensure that all monies received during a fiscal year are expended
17 prior to the end of that fiscal year.

18 § 3. 1. A distinctive plate established pursuant to section 404-ff of
19 the vehicle and traffic law, as added by section one of this act, shall
20 only be designed, produced and issued upon the delivery to the depart-
21 ment of motor vehicles of a surety bond in the amount of six thousand
22 dollars, which shall be executed by a surety company authorized by the
23 department of financial services to transact business in this state.
24 Provided, however, that if the commissioner of motor vehicles shall have
25 received prior to the plate design, production and issuance of at least
26 two hundred orders for such distinctive plate together with the addi-
27 tional annual service charge applicable to each such order, which shall
28 be non-refundable, no such surety bond shall be required. All such
29 service charges shall be deposited pursuant to the provisions of section
30 404-oo of the vehicle and traffic law to the credit of the department of
31 motor vehicles distinctive plate development fund established by section
32 95-g of the state finance law and shall be used for the design,
33 production, advertising and distribution of distinctive license plates
34 in accordance with such section 95-g.

35 2. If, upon the expiration of two years following the date upon which
36 distinctive plates in the series are first available for sale two
37 hundred or more sets of such plates are sold, a bond delivered pursuant
38 to this section shall be discontinued. If fewer than two hundred sets of
39 such plates are sold by such time, the department of motor vehicles
40 shall be entitled to recover against the bond in an amount proportionate
41 to such shortfall.

42 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that
43 sections one and three of this act shall take effect on the one hundred
44 eightieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately,
45 the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation neces-
46 sary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are
47 authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

BILL NUMBER: S7682

SPONSOR: COONEY

TITLE OF BILL:

An act to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to distinctive
YMCA license plates; and to amend the state finance law, in relation to
establishing the New York State YMCA foundation fund

SUMMARY OF SPECIFIC PROVISIONS:

Section 1. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new

section 404-ff, establishing distinctive "YMCA member" license plates available to any state resident, upon request.

Section 2. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 95-k, establishing the YMCA Foundation Fund to be expended only for the benefit and programs of the New York State YMCA foundation.

JUSTIFICATION:

The YMCA is for youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility. The YMCA is a non-profit entity that has associations across New York State. Branches exist in diverse communities across the state to give all an opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive. Every day, the YMCA works side-by-side with their neighbors to make sure that everyone, regardless of age, income, or background has access to programs that make people healthy, confident, and connected.

This bill, by creating distinctive plates for the YMCA, will help expand the public's awareness of the YMCA program in New York State.

PRIOR LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

New bill

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

To be determined

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law.