

## NEW YORK STATE FIRE COMPANIES AND EMS SQUADS TO GET BACK OFFICIAL PLATES

Early in 2008, the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles required all incorporated fire companies and ambulance squads to turn in all official license plates issued to them. This did not affect fire districts or municipal fire and ambulance squads.

On July 11, NY Assembly Bill A10590 and NY Senate Bill S07653 authorizing the issuance of official license plates to fire companies and volunteer ambulance companies were passed and delivered to governor on 7/11/08 and signed on 7/21/08.

The law takes affect in 30 days and will allow these fire companies and ambulance squads to who had to turn in their plates, to go back to the DMV and have official plates issued to them.

Text of the bill follows.

1. 10590--B

### I N A S S E M B L Y

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Introduced by M. of A. SWEENEY, WEISENBERG, CAHILL, KOON, FIELDS, SEMIN-ERIO, MAYERSOHN, JAFFEE, SCHIMMINGER, SCHROEDER, K. ZEBROWSKI, T. GORDON, GUNTHER -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. BOYLAND, CHRIS-TENSEN, GABRYSZAK, MAGEE, MAGNARELLI, MARKEY, McENENY, PHEFFER, REIL-LY, ROBINSON -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transporta-tion -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- reported and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to issuance of certain license plates to fire companies and volunteer ambulance companies

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 6 of section 401 of the vehicle and traffic  
2 law is amended by adding a new paragraph b-1 to read as follows:  
3 B-1. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE WITH RESPECT TO THE PAYMENT OF  
4 REGISTRATION FEES SHALL NOT APPLY TO (I) FIRE VEHICLES, AS DEFINED IN  
5 SECTION ONE HUNDRED FIFTEEN-A OF THIS CHAPTER, OWNED OR CONTROLLED BY A  
6 FIRE COMPANY, AS DEFINED IN SECTION THREE OF THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS`  
7 BENEFIT LAW, OR TO (II) EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICE VEHICLES, AS DEFINED  
8 IN SECTION ONE HUNDRED FIFTEEN-C OF THIS CHAPTER, OWNED OR CONTROLLED BY  
9 AN AMBULANCE COMPANY, AS DEFINED IN SECTION THREE OF THE VOLUNTEER  
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11 LANCE WORKERS` BENEFIT LAW. UPON THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION IN SUCH  
12 FORM AND DETAIL AS THE COMMISSIONER MAY PRESCRIBE, THE COMMISSIONER  
13 SHALL ISSUE PLATES FOR SUCH VEHICLES IN THE SAME MANNER AS PLATES ISSUED  
14 TO VEHICLES OWNED OR CONTROLLED BY FIRE DISTRICTS PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH  
15 B OF THIS SUBDIVISION.  
16 S 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall  
17 have become law.