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Tedisco to DMV: Revoke New License Plate Tax

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Senator Jim Tedisco (R,C,I,REF-Glenville) today is calling on the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to revoke its new \$25 license plate tax on motorists.

The DMV yesterday announced plans to replace the existing blue-white and gold license plates with new plates starting in April 2020. Motorists will have to pay a \$25 license plate replacement fee on top of their existing registration renewal fees. If you want to keep your current license plate number, you will also have to pay an additional \$20 fee.

“I don’t have an issue with updating the design of New York’s license plates or replacing the plates that are peeling, but taxpayers should not have to foot the bill for the inferior product that the state has produced. The state’s new \$25 ‘license plate replacement fee’ and the \$20 fee for people to keep their current license plate number is the latest example of the nickel and diming of taxpayers. It’s no wonder that New York State is consistently ranked number one for highest taxes in the nation, first for places where millennials are fleeing from, and atop the list as one of the worst places to retire,” said Senator Jim Tedisco.

“More than 189,000 people escaped from New York over the last year and one million over the past decade. These new DMV plate fees will certainly accomplish one goal: getting more New Yorkers to hit the road – permanently!” said Tedisco.

“New York is known as the ‘Empire State’ and its slogan, as the new license plate design shows, is ‘Excelsior’ or ‘ever upward,’ but we soon may be known as the ‘Empty State’ for ‘ever higher taxes and fees.’ The DMV should revoke this license plate tax scheme now!” said Tedisco.