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HOUSE BILL 255

**56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2024**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; ENACTING A NEW SECTION OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE CODE TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL GADSDEN FLAG GUN SAFETY AWARENESS VEHICLE REGISTRATION PLATE; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. A new section of the Motor Vehicle Code is enacted to read:

"~~[NEW MATERIAL]~~ SPECIAL GADSDEN FLAG GUN SAFETY AWARENESS REGISTRATION PLATE.--

A. The division shall issue a standardized Gadsden flag gun safety awareness special registration plate indicating that the recipient supports gun safety awareness. The plate shall have a logo designed pursuant to Section 66-3-424 NMSA 1978 that includes:

- (1) a Gadsden flag with a coiled timber

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1 rattlesnake poised to strike on a yellow field;

2 (2) the words "Gun Safety Awareness" in red  
3 lettering at the top; and

4 (3) in capital letters "DON'T TREAD ON ME" in  
5 red lettering beneath the rattlesnake.

6 B. For an initial fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00),  
7 which shall be in addition to the regular motor vehicle  
8 registration fees, the owner of a vehicle may apply for  
9 issuance of a Gadsden flag gun safety awareness special  
10 registration plate. The vehicle owner shall pay a renewal fee  
11 of twenty dollars (\$20.00) each year to retain and renew the  
12 Gadsden flag gun safety awareness special registration plate.

13 C. The revenue from the additional fee for a  
14 Gadsden flag gun safety awareness special registration plate  
15 shall be distributed as follows:

16 (1) twelve dollars (\$12.00) of the initial fee  
17 collected shall be retained by and is appropriated to the  
18 department to defray the cost of making and issuing the Gadsden  
19 flag gun safety awareness special registration plate; and

20 (2) thirty-eight dollars (\$38.00) of the  
21 initial registration fee and the entire twenty dollars (\$20.00)  
22 of subsequent renewal fees shall be distributed and are  
23 appropriated to the hunter training program of the department  
24 of game and fish to promote safety in the handling of firearms  
25 pursuant to Section 17-2-34 NMSA 1978.

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