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AN ACT
RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A
SPECIAL SUPPORT FOR THE NATIONAL FFA ORGANIZATION
REGISTRATION PLATE; ALLOWING FOR THE CESSATION OF SPECIAL
LICENSE PLATES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

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:

"SPECIAL SUPPORT FOR THE NATIONAL FFA ORGANIZATION
REGISTRATION PLATE.--

A. The division shall issue a standardized special
registration plate with a logo specified in Section 66-3-424
NMSA 1978 indicating support for the national FFA
organization.

B. For a fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00),
which shall be in addition to the regular motor vehicle
registration fees, the owner of a vehicle may apply for
issuance of a special support for the national FFA
organization registration plate. The owner shall apply and
pay a fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) each year to retain
and renew the special support for the national FFA
organization registration plate.

C. Revenue from the additional fees for a special
support for the national FFA organization registration plate

1 shall be distributed as follows:

2 (1) twelve dollars (\$12.00) of the initial
3 fee collected shall be retained by and is appropriated to the
4 department to defray the cost of making and issuing the
5 special registration plate with the support for the national
6 FFA logo; and

7 (2) twenty-three dollars (\$23.00) of the
8 initial fee and all of the fee for retention and renewal
9 shall be distributed and is appropriated to the board of
10 regents of New Mexico state university for the New Mexico
11 department of agriculture to fund statewide programs for
12 active national FFA chapters.

13 D. Beginning on July 1, 2026, and on July 1 of
14 each subsequent year, the department shall compare the number
15 of the special support for the national FFA organization
16 registration plates issued or renewed in the previous fiscal
17 year with the average of the number of such plates issued in
18 fiscal years 2024 and 2025.

19 E. By September 1 of a fiscal year in which the
20 department determines that the number of special support for
21 the national FFA organization registration plates issued or
22 renewed in the previous fiscal year is less than fifty
23 percent of the average number of such plates issued in fiscal
24 years 2024 and 2025, the department shall stop issuing
25 special support for the national FFA organization

1 registration plates."

2 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
3 provisions of this act is July 1, 2023. _____

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