

AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; ENACTING A NEW SECTION OF CHAPTER 66, ARTICLE 3 NMSA 1978 TO PROVIDE FOR AN AUTISM AWARENESS LICENSE PLATE; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. A new section of Chapter 66, Article 3 NMSA 1978 is enacted to read:

"SPECIAL AUTISM AWARENESS REGISTRATION PLATE.--

A. The division shall issue a standardized special registration plate with a logo as specified in Section 66-3-424 NMSA 1978 commemorating autism awareness.

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

C. Revenue from the additional fee for a special autism awareness registration plate shall be distributed as follows:

(1) ten dollars (\$10.00) of the additional fee collected shall be retained by and is appropriated to the department to defray the cost of making and issuing the special registration plate with an autism awareness logo; and

(2) twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) of the additional fee shall be distributed to and is appropriated to the department of health for the purpose of funding autism research, outreach and education." _____