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HOUSE BILL 909

45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001

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AN ACT

**RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL REGISTRATION
PLATES FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS, EMERGENCY PERSONNEL
AND FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE.**

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:**

**" [NEW MATERIAL] SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES FOR EMERGENCY
MEDICAL TECHNICIANS, EMERGENCY PERSONNEL AND FRATERNAL ORDER
OF POLICE. --**

**A. The department shall issue special registration
plates to any person employed as a New Mexico firefighter,
upon the submission by the person of proof satisfactory to the
division that he is currently employed as a New Mexico
firefighter, including submission of a signed consent form**

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1 from the fire chief.

2 B. The department shall issue special registration
3 plates to any person who is a New Mexico emergency medical
4 technician or other emergency personnel or a New Mexico member
5 of the fraternal order of police.

6 C. No person shall represent himself to be a New
7 Mexico emergency medical technician or other emergency
8 personnel or a New Mexico member of the fraternal order of
9 police if he is, in fact, not a New Mexico emergency medical
10 technician or other emergency personnel or a New Mexico member
11 of the fraternal order of police. The secretary shall
12 determine what constitutes satisfactory proof.

13 D. A person who violates the provisions of
14 Subsection C of this section is guilty of a petty misdemeanor
15 and shall be sentenced pursuant to Section 31-19-1 NMSA 1978.

16 E. A fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), which
17 shall be in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration
18 fee, shall be collected by the department for the original
19 issuance of the special registration plate for New Mexico
20 emergency medical technician or other emergency personnel or a
21 New Mexico member of the fraternal order of police.

22 F. Ten dollars (\$10.00) of the fee collected
23 pursuant to Subsection E of this section shall be retained by
24 the department and shall be appropriated to the department to
25 defray the cost of making and issuing special registration

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1 plates for a New Mexico emergency medical technician or other
2 emergency personnel or a New Mexico member of the fraternal
3 order of police.

4 G. The amount of the fee collected pursuant to
5 this section less any amount distributed pursuant to
6 Subsection F of this section shall be deposited in the motor
7 vehicle suspense fund for distribution in accordance with
8 Section 66-6-23 NMSA 1978.

9 H. The secretary shall approve the final plate
10 design for the special registration plates for New Mexico
11 emergency medical technicians, other emergency personnel and
12 New Mexico members of the fraternal order of police in
13 accordance with New Mexico law.

14 I. When a person holding a special plate ceases to
15 be employed as a New Mexico emergency medical technician or
16 other emergency personnel or ceases to be a New Mexico member
17 of the fraternal order of police, he shall immediately remove
18 the plate from the vehicle and return it to the secretary, at
19 which time it shall be exchanged for a regular registration
20 plate. "