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HOUSE BILL 927

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

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AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; PERTAINING TO TAXATION AND REVENUE
DEPARTMENT CHARGES FOR COPYING MOTOR VEHICLE RECORDS; DECLARING
AN EMERGENCY.

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

Section 1. Section 66-2-7 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978,
Chapter 35, Section 11, as amended) is amended to read:

"66-2-7. RECORDS OF THE DEPARTMENT. --

A. All records of the department relating to the
administration and enforcement of the Motor Vehicle Code and
any other law relating to motor vehicles, the administration
and enforcement of which is charged to the department, other
than those declared by law to be confidential for the use of
the department, shall be open to public inspection during
office hours.

underscored material = new
[bracketed material] = delete

1 B. Disposition of obsolete records of the
2 department relating to the administration and enforcement of
3 the Motor Vehicle Code and any other law relating to motor
4 vehicles, the administration and enforcement of which is
5 charged to the department, shall be made in accordance with the
6 provisions of the Public Records Act.

7 C. The department may copy or abstract records of
8 the department relating to the administration and enforcement
9 of the Motor Vehicle Code and any other law relating to motor
10 vehicles, the administration and enforcement of which is
11 charged to the department, to the extent permitted by law. The
12 copies or abstracts may be made in paper, electronic,
13 microfilm, optical or other formats. Duly certified copies of
14 official records shall be deemed valid and given the same
15 weight and consideration as original records.

16 D. Any person may purchase copies, printouts or
17 abstracts of records of the department described in Subsection
18 A of this section. The copies, printouts or abstracts may be
19 made in paper, electronic, microfilm, optical or other formats.
20 The department may make a reasonable charge to defray the
21 actual cost of creating, maintaining and preserving the
22 integrity of the database for the furnishing of copies,
23 printouts or abstracts and for certifying any such copy."

24 Section 2. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public
25 peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.