RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; DESIGNATING A SPECIAL PATRIOT 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:
"SPECIAL PATRIOT REGISTRATION PLATE.--
A. The department shall issue a standardized special patriot registration plate with a logo specified in Section 66-3-424 NMSA 1978 indicating that the recipient is a patriot.
B. For a fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), which shall be in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fees, a motor vehicle owner who is a patriot may apply for the issuance of a special registration plate as provided in Subsection A of this section. No two owners shall be issued identically lettered or numbered registration plates
C. The twenty-five-dollar (\$25.00) fee provided in Subsection B of this section shall be waived for each registration period in which a validating sticker is issued under the provisions of Section 66-3-17 NMSA 1978, in lieu of the issuance of a special patriot registration plate.
D. The revenue from the special patriot

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registration plate fee imposed by Subsection B of this section shall be distributed as follows:
(1) ten dollars (\$10.00) of the fee collected for each registration plate shall be retained by the department and is appropriated to the department for the manufacture and issuance of the registration plates;
(2) seven dollars (\$7.00) of the fee collected for each registration plate shall be paid to the state treasurer for credit to the motor vehicle suspense fund for distribution in accordance with Section 66-6-23 NMSA 1978; and
(3) eight dollars (\$8.00) of the fee collected for each registration plate shall be paid to the state treasurer for credit to the armed forces veterans license fund for distribution pursuant to Section 66-3-419 NMSA 1978."

