

HOUSE TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL 43

**48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007**

AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF STATE  
GOVERNMENT REGISTRATION PLATES.

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

Section 1. Section 66-3-28 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1994,  
Chapter 119, Section 14, as amended) is amended to read:

"66-3-28. STATE GOVERNMENT REGISTRATION PLATES--ISSUANCE  
APPROVED.--No state government registration plates shall be  
provided to a state agency unless approved by the  
transportation services division of the general services  
department. As used in this section, "state agency" means a  
state department, agency, board or commission except the  
legislative and judicial branches, solid waste authorities,  
irrigation districts, mutual domestic water associations,  
conservancy districts, public schools and institutions of

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1 higher education."

2 Section 2. Section 66-6-15 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978,  
3 Chapter 35, Section 350, as amended) is amended to read:

4 "66-6-15. VEHICLES OF THE STATE, COUNTY OR  
5 MUNICIPALITY.--

6 A. Vehicles or trailers owned by and used in the  
7 service of this state, an Indian nation, tribe or pueblo  
8 located wholly or partly in this state or [~~of any~~] a county,  
9 [~~or~~] municipality, irrigation district, solid waste authority,  
10 mutual domestic water association or conservancy district of  
11 this state need not be registered but must continually display  
12 plates furnished by the division.

13 B. Vehicles on loan from dealers and used in an  
14 approved driver-training program by the public schools need not  
15 be registered but must continually display plates furnished by  
16 the division.

17 C. [~~Each~~] A state department or agency, [~~each~~] an  
18 Indian nation, tribe or pueblo, [~~each~~] a county [~~and each~~] or a  
19 municipality, an irrigation district, solid waste authority,  
20 mutual domestic water association or conservancy district shall  
21 apply to the division for a plate for each vehicle or trailer  
22 in its service and shall provide identifying information  
23 concerning each vehicle or trailer for which a plate is applied  
24 for.

25 D. The division shall issue plates for vehicles and

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1 trailers in the service of this state, an Indian nation, tribe  
 2 or pueblo located wholly or partly in this state or [~~of any~~] a  
 3 county or municipality, an irrigation district, solid waste  
 4 authority, mutual domestic water association or conservancy  
 5 district of this state and keep a record of plates issued and  
 6 plates returned. The plates shall be permanent and need not be  
 7 renewed from year to year. The plates shall be numbered to  
 8 identify the state department or agency, the Indian nation,  
 9 tribe or pueblo, the county or [~~the~~] municipality, the  
 10 irrigation district, solid waste authority, mutual domestic  
 11 water association or conservancy district to which the plates  
 12 are issued. The plates shall be the same size as registration  
 13 plates issued to private vehicles but shall be different in  
 14 color from the registration plates issued to private vehicles."

15 Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the  
 16 provisions of this act is July 1, 2007.

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