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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  
higher education."

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

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

A. Vehicles or trailers owned by and used in the  
service of this state, an Indian nation, tribe or pueblo  
located wholly or partly in this state or a county,  
municipality, irrigation district, solid waste authority,

1 mutual domestic water association or conservancy district of  
2 this state need not be registered but must continually  
3 display plates furnished by the division.

4 B. Vehicles on loan from dealers and used in an  
5 approved driver-training program by the public schools need  
6 not be registered but must continually display plates  
7 furnished by the division.

8 C. A state department or agency, an Indian  
9 nation, tribe or pueblo, a county or a municipality, an  
10 irrigation district, solid waste authority, mutual domestic  
11 water association or conservancy district shall apply to the  
12 division for a plate for each vehicle or trailer in its  
13 service and shall provide identifying information concerning  
14 each vehicle or trailer for which a plate is applied for.

15 D. The division shall issue plates for vehicles  
16 and trailers in the service of this state, an Indian nation,  
17 tribe or pueblo located wholly or partly in this state or a  
18 county or municipality, an irrigation district, solid waste  
19 authority, mutual domestic water association or conservancy  
20 district of this state and keep a record of plates issued and  
21 plates returned. The plates shall be permanent and need not  
22 be renewed from year to year. The plates shall be numbered  
23 to identify the state department or agency, the Indian  
24 nation, tribe or pueblo, the county or the municipality, the  
25 irrigation district, solid waste authority, mutual domestic

1 water association or conservancy district to which the plates  
2 are issued. The plates shall be the same size as  
3 registration plates issued to private vehicles but shall be  
4 different in color from the registration plates issued to  
5 private vehicles.

6 E. A vehicle or trailer owned by and used in the  
7 service of the state need not be registered with the division  
8 but shall continually display a plate furnished by the  
9 transportation services division of the general services  
10 department. A state agency shall apply to the transportation  
11 services division of the general services department for a  
12 plate for each vehicle or trailer in its service, including  
13 identifying information for each vehicle or trailer. The  
14 transportation services division of the general services  
15 department shall issue plates for state agency vehicles and  
16 trailers and shall keep a record of plates issued and plates  
17 returned. These plates shall be:

18 (1) permanent and shall not be renewed from  
19 year to year;

20 (2) numbered to identify the state agency to  
21 which they are issued; and

22 (3) the same size as but a different color  
23 from registration plates issued to private vehicles or  
24 trailers or from plates issued pursuant to Subsection D of  
25 this section.

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F. As used in Subsection E of this section, "state agency" means a state department, agency, board or commission, including the legislative and judicial branches of government, but not including public schools and institutions of higher education."

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