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SENATE BILL 492

**48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2008**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; CLARIFYING THAT A SPECIAL  
REGISTRATION PLATE FOR THE RECIPIENT OF THE PURPLE HEART SHALL  
BE DISTINCTIVE.

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

Section 1. Section 66-3-414 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1987,  
Chapter 23, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

"66-3-414. SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES FOR PURPLE HEART  
VETERANS.--

A. The division shall issue special registration  
plates for up to two vehicles to any person who is a veteran  
and a bona fide purple heart medal recipient and who submits  
proof satisfactory to the division that ~~[he]~~ the person has  
been awarded that medal. The plates shall have a distinctive  
design, different from the plates issued pursuant to Section

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1 66-3-419 NMSA 1978, that emphasizes that the veteran is a  
2 purple heart recipient. No fee, including the regular  
3 registration fee applicable to the passenger motor vehicle, if  
4 any, shall be collected for the issuance of the special  
5 registration plates pursuant to this section. A person who is  
6 eligible for special registration plates pursuant to this  
7 section and also eligible for one or more special registration  
8 plates pursuant to Sections 66-3-406, 66-3-409, 66-3-411 and  
9 66-3-412 NMSA 1978 shall be issued special registration plates  
10 pursuant to only one of those sections, the choice of which  
11 shall be made by the veteran.

12 B. No person shall falsely [~~represent himself to~~  
13 ~~be~~] make any representation as being a purple heart veteran so  
14 as to be eligible to be issued special plates pursuant to this  
15 section when [~~he~~] the person in fact is not a purple heart  
16 veteran.

17 C. Any person who violates the provisions of  
18 Subsection B of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor."

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