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AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL REGISTRATION
PLATES FOR PERSONS AWARDED THE AIR MEDAL BY THE UNITED STATES
ARMED FORCES; PROVIDING A PENALTY; 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:

"[NEW MATERIAL] SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES FOR AIR MEDAL RECIPIENTS.--

A. The department shall issue a standardized special registration plate with a logo as specified in Section 66-3-424 NMSA 1978 indicating that the recipient has been awarded the air medal by the United States armed forces upon the submission by the person of proof satisfactory to the department that the person has been awarded that medal.

- B. No person shall falsely claim to be an air medal recipient so as to be eligible to be issued a special registration plate pursuant to this section.
- C. A person who violates the provisions of Subsection B of this section is guilty of a petty misdemeanor and shall be sentenced pursuant to Section 31-19-1 NMSA 1978.
- D. A fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), which is in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee, shall be collected by the department for the original issuance of the special registration plate for air medal recipients.
- E. Ten dollars (\$10.00) of the fee collected pursuant to Subsection D of this section shall be retained by the department and is appropriated to the department to defray the cost of making and issuing special registration plates for air medal recipients. The remaining fifteen dollars (\$15.00) shall be deposited in the motor vehicle suspense fund for distribution pursuant to Section 66-6-23 NMSA 1978.
- F. The secretary shall approve the final logo design for the special registration plate for air medal recipients."

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