

1 AN ACT

2 RELATING TO SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES; PROVIDING FOR THE
3 DISTRIBUTION OF A PORTION OF SPECIAL PET CARE REGISTRATION
4 PLATE FEES TO THE ANIMAL CARE AND FACILITY FUND; AMENDING
5 SECTIONS OF THE NMSA 1978; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

8 Section 1. Section 66-3-424.3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws
9 2003, Chapter 175, Section 2) is amended to read:

10 "66-3-424.3. SPECIAL PET CARE REGISTRATION PLATES.--

11 A. The division shall issue a standardized pet
12 care special registration plate with a logo specified in
13 Section 66-3-424 NMSA 1978 indicating that the recipient
14 supports pet care.

15 B. The division, with the advice and consultation
16 of animal control offices and animal shelters in communities
17 around the state, shall determine the color and design of the
18 pet care special registration logo and provide for its
19 issuance.

20 C. For a fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) in
21 addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fees, an
22 owner of a motor vehicle may apply for the issuance of a pet
23 care special registration plate. The owner of a motor
24 vehicle shall apply and pay the fee each year that the owner
25 wishes to retain and renew a pet care special registration

1 plate.

2 D. The revenue from the pet care special
3 registration plates shall be distributed as follows:

4 (1) ten dollars (\$10.00) of the fee
5 collected for each pet care special registration plate shall
6 be retained by and is appropriated to the division for the
7 manufacture and issuance of the registration plates; and

8 (2) twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) of the fee
9 collected for each pet care special registration plate shall
10 be paid to the state treasurer for credit to the animal care
11 and facility fund."

12 Section 2. Section 77-1B-4 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2007,
13 Chapter 60, Section 4) is amended to read:

14 "77-1B-4. ANIMAL CARE AND FACILITY FUND
15 CREATED--ADMINISTRATION.--

16 A. The "animal care and facility fund" is created
17 in the state treasury. All fees collected pursuant to the
18 Animal Sheltering Services Act shall be deposited in the
19 fund.

20 B. The animal care and facility fund shall consist
21 of money collected by the board pursuant to the Animal
22 Sheltering Services Act; income from investment of the fund;
23 and money appropriated to the fund or accruing to it through
24 fees or administrative penalties, cooperative research
25 agreements, income, gifts, grants, donations, bequests, sales

1 of promotional items, handbooks or educational materials or
2 any other source. Money in the fund shall not be transferred
3 to another fund or encumbered or expended except for
4 expenditures authorized pursuant to the Animal Sheltering
5 Services Act.

6 C. Money in the fund is subject to appropriation
7 by the legislature to the department to be used to help
8 animal shelters and communities defray the cost of
9 implementing the board's initiatives conducted pursuant to
10 the Animal Sheltering Services Act. The fund shall be
11 administered by the department to carry out the purposes of
12 the Animal Sheltering Services Act.

13 D. Each fiscal year, an amount of money in the
14 fund appropriated pursuant to this section that is equal to
15 the total amount of money credited to the fund for that
16 fiscal year from special registration plates issued pursuant
17 to Section 66-3-424.3 NMSA 1978 shall be administered so that
18 spay and neuter programs in a county receive money
19 attributable to the number of those special registration
20 plates issued in that county.

21 E. A disbursement from the fund shall be made only
22 upon a warrant drawn by the secretary of finance and
23 administration pursuant to a voucher signed by the
24 superintendent of regulation and licensing or the
25 superintendent's designee.

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F. Unexpended and unencumbered balances in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund."

Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 2009. _____