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SENATE BILL 298

50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2011

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AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL BIG GAME
HUNTING REGISTRATION PLATE; 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 BIG GAME HUNTING REGISTRATION
PLATES--PROCEDURES--FEES.--

A. The department shall establish and issue a
standardized special registration plate with a logo specified
in Section 66-3-424 NMSA 1978 featuring big game hunting in New
Mexico for any private motor vehicle except a motorcycle. The
department shall adopt procedures for application for and
issuance of the special big game hunting registration plates.

B. The logo of the special big game hunting

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1 registration plates shall feature a mature bull elk. The
2 director of the department of game and fish shall designate a
3 "big game hunting" logo design committee that shall recommend
4 to the director the color and design of the special big game
5 hunting logo. The director of the department of game and fish
6 in cooperation with the secretary shall determine the final
7 design of the special big game hunting logo. No personalized
8 or vanity design variation of the special big game hunting
9 registration plates shall be issued.

10 C. For a fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), which
11 shall be in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration
12 fees, an owner of a motor vehicle may apply for the issuance of a
13 special big game hunting registration plate. The owner of a
14 motor vehicle shall apply for the plate and pay the
15 twenty-five-dollar (\$25.00) fee for the first year and ten
16 dollars (\$10.00) for each subsequent year if the owner wishes to
17 retain and renew the special big game hunting registration plate.

18 D. The revenue from the additional fee for a special
19 big game hunting registration plate shall be distributed as
20 follows:

21 (1) ten dollars (\$10.00) of the initial fee
22 collected shall be retained by the division and is appropriated
23 to the division to defray the cost of making and issuing special
24 big game hunting registration plates; and

25 (2) fifteen dollars (\$15.00) of the initial fee

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1 and the entire renewal fee collected shall be distributed to the
2 game protection fund."

3 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
4 provisions of this act is July 1, 2011.

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