

1 AN ACT

2 RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; PROVIDING THAT A RECIPIENT OF  
3 MORE THAN TWO PURPLE HEART MEDALS SHALL BE ENTITLED TO AN  
4 ADDITIONAL SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE FOR EACH AWARD OF THE  
5 PURPLE HEART MEDAL.

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

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

10 "66-3-414. SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES FOR PURPLE HEART  
11 VETERANS.--

12 A. The division shall issue special registration  
13 plates for up to two vehicles to any person who is a veteran  
14 and a bona fide purple heart medal recipient and who submits  
15 proof satisfactory to the division that the person has been  
16 awarded that medal, except that if a veteran is the recipient  
17 of more than two purple heart medals, the veteran shall be  
18 entitled to an additional special registration plate for each  
19 additional award of the purple heart medal. The plates shall  
20 have a distinctive design, different from the plates issued  
21 pursuant to Section 66-3-419 NMSA 1978, that emphasizes that  
22 the veteran is a purple heart recipient. No fee, including  
23 the regular registration fee applicable to the passenger  
24 motor vehicle, if any, shall be collected for the issuance of  
25 the special registration plates pursuant to this section.

1 A person who is eligible for special registration plates  
2 pursuant to this section and also eligible for one or more  
3 special registration plates pursuant to Sections 66-3-406,  
4 66-3-409, 66-3-411 and 66-3-412 NMSA 1978 shall be issued  
5 special registration plates pursuant to only one of those  
6 sections, the choice of which shall be made by the veteran.

7 B. No person shall falsely make any representation  
8 as being a purple heart veteran so as to be eligible to be  
9 issued special plates pursuant to this section when the  
10 person in fact is not a purple heart veteran.

11 C. Any person who violates the provisions of  
12 Subsection B of this section is guilty of a  
13 misdemeanor." \_\_\_\_\_

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