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SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENT number ____l to HOUSE BILL 17, as amended Amendment sponsored by Senator Craig W. Brandt

1. On page 1, strike lines 12 and 13 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof "CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE NMSA 1978.".

2. On page 1, between lines 15 and 16, insert:

"SECTION 1. Section 9-22-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2004, Chapter 19, Section 3, as amended) is amended to read:

"9-22-3. DEFINITIONS.--As used in the Veterans' Services Department Act:

A. "department" means the veterans' services department;

B. "secretary" means the secretary of veterans' services; and

C. "veteran" means a New Mexico resident who:

[(1) is a citizen of the United States;

(2)] (1) was regularly enlisted, drafted, inducted or commissioned in the:

(a) armed forces of the United States and was accepted for and assigned to active duty in the armed forces of the United States;

(b) army reserve, navy reserve, marine corps reserve, air force reserve, coast guard reserve, army national guard or air national guard and was accepted for and assigned to duty for

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a minimum of six continuous years; or

(c) United States public health service commissioned corps or the national oceanic and atmospheric administration commissioned officer corps and served in the capacity of a commissioned officer while on active duty in defense of the United States; and

[(3)] <u>(2)</u> was not separated from such service under circumstances amounting to dishonorable discharge."".

3. Renumber the succeeding section accordingly.

4. On page 5, between lines 6 and 7, insert:

"SECTION 3. Section 66-3-412 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1979, Chapter 299, Section 2, as amended) is amended to read:

"66-3-412. SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES--FIFTY PERCENT OR MORE DISABLED VETERANS--SUBMISSION OF PROOF--PENALTY.--

Α. The department shall issue distinctive registration plates for up to two vehicles, including motorcycles, to a person who is a veteran of the armed forces of the United States and was fifty percent or more disabled while serving in the armed forces of the United States, upon the submission by the person of proof satisfactory to the department that the person was fifty percent or more disabled while serving in the armed forces of the United States. No fee, including the regular registration fee applicable to the passenger motor vehicle or regular motorcycle registration fees, if any, shall be collected for issuance of a special registration plate pursuant to this section. A person eligible for a special registration plate pursuant to this section and also eligible for one or more special registration plates pursuant to Sections 66-3-406, 66-3-409, 66-3-411 and 66-3-412.1 NMSA 1978 shall be issued only one special registration plate of the person's choice.

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B. No person shall falsely make any representation as having been fifty percent or more disabled while serving in the armed forces of the United States so as to be eligible to be issued special registration plates pursuant to this section when the person in fact was not fifty percent or more disabled while serving in the armed forces of the United States.

C. A person who violates the provisions of Subsection B of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

D. As used in this section, "veteran" means [a citizen of the United States] an individual who was regularly enlisted, drafted, inducted or commissioned, who was accepted for and assigned to active duty in the armed forces of the United States and who was not separated from such service under circumstances amounting to dishonorable discharge."".

Craig W. Brandt

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