

1 SENATE BILL 269

2 **54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; CREATING A STANDARDIZED
12 REGISTRATION PLATE FOR WORTHY PUBLIC PURPOSES; PROVIDING FOR
13 SPECIALIZED REGISTRATION DECALS FOR SUPPORTERS OF WORTHY PUBLIC
14 PURPOSES; MAKING APPROPRIATIONS.

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

17 SECTION 1. A new section of the Motor Vehicle Code is
18 enacted to read:

19 "[NEW MATERIAL] STANDARDIZED REGISTRATION PLATES FOR
20 WORTHY PUBLIC PURPOSES--SPECIAL REGISTRATION DECALS.--

21 A. For a fee of ten dollars (\$10.00), which shall
22 be in addition to the regular motor registration fee, the
23 department shall issue standardized registration plates with
24 space for a special registration decal as may be authorized by
25 statute for worthy public purposes. The fee collected for each

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1 registration plate shall be retained by the department and is
2 appropriated to the department for the manufacture and issuance
3 of the registration plate. No two owners shall be issued
4 identically lettered or numbered registration plates.

5 B. The authorizing statute for a special
6 registration decal shall provide for the collection of fees
7 that, at a minimum, shall cover the costs to the division of
8 development, manufacture and issuance of the decal.

9 C. Worthy public purpose registration plates, on
10 the standardized areas, shall:

11 (1) display the colors of the state flag, with
12 red lettering on a yellow background;

13 (2) display the phrases "New Mexico USA" and
14 "Land of Enchantment";

15 (3) provide a space for applying a special
16 registration decal, centered at the left edge of the plate
17 between the attachment holes, beginning one-fourth inch in from
18 the edge of the plate and having the following dimensions:

19 (a) four and one-eighth inches in
20 height; and

21 (b) three and one-eighth inches in
22 width; and

23 (4) provide a vehicle registration number, to
24 be assigned by the division, that consists of five alphanumeric
25 characters displayed to the right of the special decal area.

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1 D. Special registration decals, except for the
2 standard dimensions specified in Paragraph (3) of Subsection C
3 of this section, shall be left to the design discretion of the
4 division, in consultation with the worthy public purpose
5 interest group that requests the special registration decal.

6 E. Special registration decals, when authorized by
7 statute for a particular worthy public purpose interest group,
8 shall meet the requirements specified in this subsection prior
9 to issuance by the division. The worthy public purpose
10 interest group, no later than the effective date of the
11 authorizing statute, shall:

12 (1) provide evidence acceptable to the
13 division that it will generate a minimum number of prepaid
14 applications as determined by the division for the special
15 registration decal;

16 (2) provide a prepayment to the division in an
17 amount sufficient to cover the initial order for the special
18 registration decal;

19 (3) provide a sample of the requested artwork
20 design in a format specified by the manufacturer for the
21 specialized registration decal; and

22 (4) in cases where the authorizing statute
23 includes revenue-sharing with distribution directed to a
24 particular group or fund, show that the recipient is a
25 governmental entity or a fund authorized for the use of a

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1 governmental entity.

2 F. The division may promulgate rules for
3 implementation of the provisions of this section."

4 SECTION 2. A new section of the Motor Vehicle Code is
5 enacted to read:

6 "[NEW MATERIAL] SPECIAL REGISTRATION DECALS--ONE-TIME
7 FEE.--The department shall issue special registration decals
8 for use on standardized registration plates pursuant to Section
9 1 of this 2019 act for statutorily authorized purposes and
10 fees, which fees shall be in addition to the regular motor
11 vehicle registration fees; provided that the fees established
12 in this section shall be waived for each registration period in
13 which a validating sticker is issued under the provisions of
14 Section 66-3-17 NMSA 1978 in lieu of the issuance of a
15 registration plate with a special registration decal."

16 SECTION 3. A new section of the Motor Vehicle Code is
17 enacted to read:

18 "[NEW MATERIAL] SPECIAL REGISTRATION DECALS--RECURRING
19 FEES.--A special registration decal may be authorized by
20 statute for use on the standardized registration plate pursuant
21 to Section 1 of this 2019 act with an annual renewal
22 requirement. The department shall issue special registration
23 decals for statutorily authorized purposes and fees pursuant to
24 this section, which fees shall be in addition to the regular
25 motor vehicle registration fees. The owner shall apply and pay

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1 the specified fee each year to retain the special registration
2 decal."

3 SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
4 provisions of this act is July 1, 2019.