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HOUSE BILL 294

54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2020

INTRODUCED BY
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AN ACT

RELATING TO LICENSE PLATES; REQUIRING LICENSE PLATE ISSUANCE
UPON TRANSFER OF MOTOR VEHICLE OWNERSHIP; MAKING AN
APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. Section 66-3-10 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978,
Chapter 35, Section 30, as amended) is amended to read:

"66-3-10. [~~DIVISION~~] DEPARTMENT TO ISSUE CERTIFICATE OF
TITLE [~~AND~~], EVIDENCE OF REGISTRATION, REGISTRATION PLATE AND
VALIDATION STICKER--RELEASE OF LIEN--ODOMETER STATEMENT.--

A. The [~~division~~] department, upon registration of
a vehicle, shall issue a certificate of title and evidence of
registration; an odometer statement may appear on one or both
of these documents.

B. Except for certificates of title issued pursuant

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1 to Section 66-3-2, 66-3-27 or 66-3-423 NMSA 1978 and for
2 manufactured homes, school buses, state government vehicles,
3 motorcycles and off-highway motor vehicles, upon issuance of a
4 new certificate of title or upon transfer of a certificate of
5 title, the department shall issue a registration plate and a
6 validation sticker to the owner of the vehicle.

7 ~~[B.]~~ C. The registration evidence shall be
8 delivered to the owner and shall contain upon its face the date
9 issued, the name and address of the owner, the registration
10 number assigned to the owner and such description of the
11 vehicle registered to the owner as determined by the ~~[director]~~
12 secretary.

13 ~~[G.]~~ D. The certificate of title shall contain the
14 identical information required on the registration evidence and
15 in addition a statement of the owner's title and of all liens
16 and encumbrances upon the vehicle.

17 ~~[D.]~~ E. The certificate of title shall contain a
18 space for the release of any lien, space for assignment of
19 title or interest and warranty by the owner and space for
20 notation of liens and encumbrances upon the vehicle at the time
21 of transfer.

22 ~~[E.]~~ F. The certificate of title shall be delivered
23 to the owner in the event no lien or encumbrances appear
24 thereon, otherwise the certificate of title shall be delivered
25 to the person named to receive it in the application for

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1 certificate.

2 [F-] G. Whenever the owner of a vehicle subject to
3 registration transfers [~~his~~] the person's title or interest in
4 the vehicle to a nonresident who desires to title the vehicle
5 in the state of [~~his~~] the nonresident's residence, the
6 [~~division~~] department upon receiving application and the
7 payment of the proper fee shall issue a certificate of title
8 only and record on the certificate all liens and encumbrances."

9 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.**--Three hundred thousand dollars
10 (\$300,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
11 taxation and revenue department for expenditure in fiscal year
12 2021 to offset the cost to the department of issuing new
13 license plates as required by this act. Any unexpended or
14 unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2021
15 shall revert to the general fund.

16 **SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**--The effective date of the
17 provisions of this act is January 1, 2021.