

1 AN ACT

2 RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; AMENDING SECTION 66-3-412 NMSA  
3 1978 (BEING LAWS 1979, CHAPTER 299, SECTION 2, AS AMENDED) TO  
4 ALLOW THE ISSUANCE OF ADDITIONAL DISABLED VETERAN SPECIAL  
5 VEHICLE REGISTRATION PLATES IN EXCESS OF THE TWO PLATES  
6 PROVIDED TO QUALIFIED PERSONS WITHOUT A FEE, PROVIDED THAT  
7 THE QUALIFIED PERSON PAYS THE STANDARD PLATE AND REGISTRATION  
8 FEES FOR THE ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION PLATES.

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

11 SECTION 1. Section 66-3-412 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1979,  
12 Chapter 299, Section 2, as amended) is amended to read:

13 "66-3-412. SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES--FIFTY PERCENT  
14 OR MORE DISABLED VETERANS--SUBMISSION OF PROOF--PENALTY.--

15 A. The department shall issue distinctive disabled  
16 veteran registration plates for up to two vehicles, including  
17 motorcycles, to a person who is a veteran of the armed forces  
18 of the United States and was fifty percent or more disabled  
19 while serving in the armed forces of the United States, upon  
20 the submission by the person of proof satisfactory to the  
21 department that the person was fifty percent or more disabled  
22 while serving in the armed forces of the United States. No  
23 fee, including the regular registration fee applicable to the  
24 passenger motor vehicle or regular motorcycle registration  
25 fees, if any, shall be collected for issuance of up to two

1 special registration plates pursuant to this section. A  
2 person eligible for a special registration plate pursuant to  
3 this section and also eligible for one or more special  
4 registration plates pursuant to the Motor Vehicle Code shall  
5 be issued up to two special registration plates for which the  
6 person is eligible, in any combination of the person's choice  
7 free of charge, notwithstanding any fee that would otherwise  
8 be charged for a special registration plate.

9 B. The department shall issue additional disabled  
10 veteran special registration plates in excess of the two  
11 plates issued without a fee pursuant to Subsection A of this  
12 section to a person who is qualified to receive disabled  
13 veteran special registration plates; provided that the person  
14 shall pay the standard plate and registration fees for the  
15 additional registration plates.

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

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

25 E. As used in this section, "veteran" means an

1 individual who was regularly enlisted, drafted, inducted or  
2 commissioned, who was accepted for and assigned to active duty  
3 in the armed forces of the United States and who was not  
4 separated from such service under circumstances amounting to  
5 dishonorable discharge." \_\_\_\_\_

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