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RELATING TO IDENTIFICATION CARDS; REMOVING THE FEE
REQUIREMENT FOR ISSUANCE OF AN IDENTIFICATION CARD TO A
HOMELESS INDIVIDUAL.

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

SECTION 1. Section 66-5-408 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978, Chapter 35, Section 335, as amended) is amended to read:

"66-5-408. FEES.--

A. Upon application for an identification card with a four-year term, there shall be paid to the department a fee of five dollars (\$5.00). Upon application for an identification card with an eight-year term, there shall be paid to the department a fee of ten dollars (\$10.00). A fee shall not be charged to an applicant for an identification card if the applicant is at least seventy-five years of age or a homeless individual.

B. The department with the approval of the governor may increase the amount of the identification card fee by an amount not to exceed three dollars (\$3.00) for the purpose of implementing an enhanced licensing system; provided that for an identification card issued for an eight-year period, the amount of the fee shall be twice the amount charged for other identification cards. The additional amounts collected pursuant to this subsection are

1	appropriated to the department to defray the expense of the
2	new system of licensing and for use as set forth in the
3	provisions of Subsection F of Section 66-6-13 NMSA 1978.
4	Unexpended and unencumbered balances from fees collected
5	pursuant to the provisions of this subsection at the end of
6	any fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund but
7	shall be expended by the department in fiscal year 2010 and
8	subsequent fiscal years.
9	C. As used in this section, "homeless individual"
10	means an individual:
11	(1) who lacks a fixed, regular and adequate
12	nighttime residence, including an individual who:
13	(a) lives in the housing of another
14	person due to that individual's loss of housing, economic
15	hardship or other reason related to that individual's lack of
16	a fixed residence;
17	(b) lives in a motel, hotel, trailer
18	park or camping ground due to the lack of alternative
19	adequate accommodations;
20	(c) lives in an emergency or
21	transitional shelter;
22	(d) sleeps in a public or private place
23	not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping
24	accommodation for human beings; or
25	(e) lives in an automobile, a park, a HB 389/a

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1	public space, an abandoned building, substandard housing, a
2	bus station, a train station or a similar setting; and
3	(2) whose homelessness can be verified
4	through an attestation, which shall not be required to be
5	notarized, by one of the following:
6	(a) a public or private governmental or
7	nonprofit agency that provides services to homeless
8	individuals;
9	(b) a local education agency homeless
10	liaison, school counselor or school nurse;
11	(c) a social worker licensed in the
12	state; or
13	(d) the homeless individual." HB 389/a
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