## HOUSE BILL 43

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FOR THE COURTS, CORRECTIONS AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

## AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; PROVIDING THE HJC→NEW MEXICO STATE

POLICE DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY ← HJC

HJC→OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF INSURANCE ← HJC WITH FOUR

HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$400,000) TO PURCHASE TOOLS DESIGNED

TO ENGRAVE NUMBERS ONTO CATALYTIC CONVERTERS AND TO LOAN THESE

TOOLS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES OR MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIR OR

SERVICE SHOPS IN EXCHANGE FOR THE AGENCIES OR SHOPS PROVIDING

AT NO COST TO RESIDENTS THE SERVICE OF ENGRAVING THE VEHICLE

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IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ONTO A MOTOR VEHICLE'S CATALYTIC CONVERTER; PROVIDING LOAN REQUIREMENTS; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

**SECTION 1.** [NEW MATERIAL] CATALYTIC CONVERTER ENGRAVING.--

The HJC→New Mexico state police division of the department of public safety←HJC HJC→office of superintendent of insurance HJC shall purchase four hundred thousand dollars' (\$400,000) worth of tools designed to engrave numbers onto catalytic converters and subsequently enter into agreements with law enforcement agencies or motor vehicle repair or service shops to loan these engraving tools to the law enforcement agencies or motor vehicle repair or service shops in exchange for the law enforcement agencies or motor vehicle repair or service shops providing at no cost to New Mexico residents the service of engraving the vehicle identification number of a motor vehicle onto its catalytic converter; provided that the HJC→division←HJC HJC→office of superintendent of insurance←HJC shall not loan more than one engraving tool to each individual motor vehicle repair or service shop.

B. The loans made pursuant to this section shall:

(1) be for terms of no longer than

HJC→twenty-four←HJC HJC→six←HJC months; HJC→provided that the

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loans may be renewed for subsequent terms; ←HJC

(2) maintain the HJC→New Mexico state police

division←HJC HJC→office of superintendent of insurance←HJC as

the owner of the engraving tools; and

(3) contain any other requirements or conditions that the HJC→New Mexico state police division←HJC
HJC→office of superintendent of insurance←HJC deems necessary.

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.--Four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the HJC→New Mexico state police division of the department of public safety←HJC HJC→automobile theft prevention authority of the office of superintendent of insurance←HJC for expenditure in fiscal year 2025 and subsequent fiscal years for the purchase of tools designed to engrave numbers onto catalytic converters to carry out the provisions of Section 1 of this act. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund.

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