

**Bill Analysis and Fiscal Impact Report
Taxation and Revenue Department**

February 1, 2026

Bill:
HB-20

Sponsor:
Representatives Michelle Paulene Abeyta, Alan T. Martinez, William A. Hall II, and Joseph Franklin Hernandez and Senator Angel M. Charley

Short Title:
Native American Designation on Licenses

Description:
This bill amends the Motor Vehicle Code to allow an individual to request a distinguishing mark on their license that designates the individual as a Native American. The individual will provide an enhanced tribal card, a tribal identification card, certificate of Indian blood or affidavit of birth from a tribal entity or the Bureau of Indian Affairs to document eligibility for this designation.

Effective Date, Applicability, and Contingency Language:
October 1, 2026

Taxation and Revenue Department Analyst:
Htet Wint and Sean Bulian – Motor Vehicle Division

Methodology for Estimated Revenue Impact:
None.

Policy Issues:
This bill introduces a Native American designation option on New Mexico driver's license and identification cards for individuals who voluntarily provide proof of enrollment in a federally recognized Indian nation, tribe, or pueblo. It will simplify the process for Native Americans to provide proof of enrollment for services requiring identification. Normal driver license and identification card fees will be due at the time of the request.

Technical Issues:
None.

Other Issues:
None.

Administrative & Compliance Impact:
MVD will provide employee training on acceptable documentation and establish standardized workflows to ensure consistent, uniform processing of requests for a Native American indicator on driver licenses or identification cards across all MVD field offices and issuance channels.

Implementation of this bill will have a low impact on Tax & Rev's Information Technology Division (ITD). The estimated time to develop, test and implement the changes is approximately 160 hours or one month and approximately \$51,073 (\$40,000 contractual resources including gross receipts tax, and staff workload costs of \$11,073). The cost to have MVD's driver license and identification cards redesigned with the manufacturer to allow a Native American indicator on the front of the card and update the barcode on the back of the card is approximately \$120,000.

Estimated Additional Operating Budget Impact*

FY26	FY27	FY28	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Recurring	Fund(s) or Agency Affected
	\$40		\$40	NR	ITD – Contractual Cost
	\$11.1		\$11.1	NR	ITD – Staff Workload Cost
	\$120		\$120	NR	MVD - Operating Cost

* In thousands of dollars. Parentheses () indicate a cost saving. ** Recurring (R) or Non-Recurring (NR).