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43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

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AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL HOT AIR BALLOON REGISTRATION PLATES; CREATING A FUND; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

Section 1. A new section of the Motor Vehicle Code is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] SPECIAL HOT AIR BALLOONING REGISTRATION
PLATES - PROCEDURES - FEE - APPROPRIATION. - -

A. The department shall establish and issue special registration plates featuring artwork depicting the sport of hot air ballooning for any private motor vehicle except a motorcycle. The department shall adopt procedures for application for and issuance of the special hot air ballooning registration plates.

- B. The department, with the advice and consultation of the tourism department, shall determine the color and design of the registration plate and provide for its issuance. No personalized or vanity design variation of the special hot air ballooning registration plates shall be issued.
- C. For a one-time fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), which shall be in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fees, any owner of a motor vehicle may apply for the issuance of a special hot air ballooning registration plate. The owner of a motor vehicle shall apply for the plate and pay the twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) fee, and no fee in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fees shall be charged for subsequent years if he wishes to retain and renew a special hot air ballooning registration plate.
- D. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 66-6-22.1 NMSA 1978, fifteen dollars (\$15.00) of the fee collected shall be paid to the state treasurer for credit to the state tourism fund.
- E. Souvenir sample registration plates may be issued by the department and sold for a fee of ten dollars (\$10.00). Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 66-6-22.1 NMSA 1978, five dollars (\$5.00) of the fee collected shall be paid to the state treasurer for credit to the state tourism fund."
 - Section 2. [NEW MATERIAL] STATE TOURISM FUND--CREATED--

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PURPOSE.--The "state tourism fund" is created in the state treasury. The fund shall consist of appropriations, fees, gifts, grants, donations and interest earned on investment of the fund. Money in the fund is appropriated to the tourism department and shall not revert to the general fund at the end of the fiscal year. The purpose of the fund is to promote tourism. The state tourism fund shall be administered by the secretary of tourism. Money in the fund shall be expended only on warrants drawn by the secretary of finance and administration pursuant to vouchers signed by the secretary of tourism or the secretary of tourism's authorized representative.

Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. -- The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 1997.

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State of New Mexico House of Representatives

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February 18, 1997

Mr. Speaker:

Your **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**, to whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it **DO PASS**, amended as follows:

- 1. On page 2, lines 6 and 7, strike "twenty-five dollars (\$25.00)" and insert in lieu thereof "thirty-five dollars (\$35.00)".
- 2. On page 2, line 11, strike "twenty-five dollar (\$25.00)" and insert in lieu thereof "thirty-five dollar (\$35.00)".
- 3. On page 2, strike lines 16 through 19 and insert in ieu thereof the following:

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2	"D. Ten dollars (\$10.00) of the fee collected pursuant					
3	to Subsection C of this section shall be retained by the					
4	department and is appropriated to the department to defray the					
5	cost of making and issuing the special registration plates					
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