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SENATE BILL 251

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

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; PROVIDING FEES FOR SPECIAL COLLEGIATE PLATES; PROVIDING FOR DISPOSITION OF REVENUE; AUTHORIZING SOUVENIR SAMPLE PLATES; AMENDING SECTION 66-3-416 NMSA 1978 (BEING LAWS 1989, CHAPTER 360, SECTION 1); MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

Section 1. Section 66-3-416 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1989, Chapter 360, Section 1) is amended to read:

"66-3-416. SPECIAL COLLEGIATE REGISTRATION PLATE--PROCEDURES--FEE.--

A. The division shall establish and issue special collegiate registration plates in accordance with the provisions of this section and shall adopt and promulgate procedures for application for and issuance of such special collegiate

registration plates <u>for any private motor vehicle except a</u> <u>motorcycle</u>.

- B. [Any state-supported higher educational institution in New Mexico] New Mexico state university, the university of New Mexico, New Mexico highlands university, New Mexico institute of mining and technology, eastern New Mexico university or western New Mexico university may request that the division issue a special collegiate registration plate for that institution. Upon that request, the division, with the advice and consultation of the higher educational institution, shall determine the color and design of the registration plate and provide for its issuance. No personalized or vanity design variation of the special collegiate registration plates shall be issued.
- C. For a fee of [thirty-five dollars (\$35.00)] thirty dollars (\$30.00), which fee 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 collegiate registration plate. The owner of a motor vehicle shall apply and pay a ten dollar (\$10.00) fee each year that he wishes to retain and renew his special collegiate registration plate.
- D. The revenue from the special collegiate registration plates shall be distributed as follows:
- (1) ten dollars (\$10.00) of the <u>initial</u> fee collected for each registration plate shall be [retained by the

division in the seventy-eighth and seventy-ninth fiscal years and is appropriated to the division for the manufacture and issuance of the registration plates. Thereafter, that amount of each fee shall be paid to the state treasurer for credit to the motor vehicle suspense fund for distribution in accordance with Section 66-6-23 NMSA 1978; and

(2) [twenty-five dollars (\$25.00)] twenty dollars (\$20.00) of the initial fee and all of the renewal fee collected for each registration plate shall be distributed to the higher educational institution for which the registration plate is issued.

E. Souvenir sample registration plates may be sold by the higher educational institution for a fee of ten dollars (\$10.00). Revenues from the sale of the sample plates shall be credited to the alumnae scholarship fund of that institution.

[E.] F. Revenues received by each higher educational institution from special collegiate registration plate fees are appropriated to the higher educational [institutions] institution to [carry out any purpose] be credited to the alumnae scholarship fund of that institution."

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