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SENATE BILL 720

44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999

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AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; REQUIRING EQUIPMENT STANDARDS FOR
MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE; PROVIDING AN
EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Section 1. MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARDS. - - Standards
for motor vehicle equipment safety shall be developed by the
traffic safety bureau of the state highway and transportation
department for implementation in fiscal year 2002. Standards
to be adopted are limited to generally accepted national
criteria for a motor vehicle's braking and lighting systems,
and giving full consideration to the geographic and economic
circumstances of the state's rural and border populations as
they may affect safe motor vehicle operation. The department
shall design a brake and light safety inspection program to be

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1 operated under contract with the state, to be effective only
2 in municipalities and counties that have not implemented a
3 motor vehicle safety inspection program prior to June 30,
4 2000.

5 Section 2. MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION PREREQUISITE--
6 NOTICE. --

7 A. Effective July 1, 2002, the motor vehicle
8 division of the taxation and revenue department shall issue
9 motor vehicle registrations or registration renewals only for
10 vehicles that have successfully passed a brake and light
11 safety inspection, as demonstrated by a vehicle inspection
12 safety certification decal fixed to the inside lower passenger
13 corner of the vehicle's windshield, or in the case of a
14 vehicle without a windshield, on the left side of the vehicle
15 dashboard or the left handlebar.

16 B. Effective July 1, 2001, the motor vehicle
17 division of the taxation and revenue department shall include
18 with the issuance of registration a notice informing the
19 vehicle owner of the motor vehicle safety inspection program
20 and requirements for certification and registration beginning
21 July 1, 2002.