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**56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2023**

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DISCUSSION DRAFT

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE CODE; REMOVING IMPRISONMENT AS  
DEFAULT PENALTY FOR A TRAFFIC MISDEMEANOR.

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

SECTION 1. Section 66-8-7 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978,  
Chapter 35, Section 505, as amended) is amended to read:

"66-8-7. PENALTY FOR MISDEMEANOR.--

A. It is a misdemeanor for any person to violate  
any provision of the Motor Vehicle Code unless the violation is  
declared a felony.

B. Unless another penalty is specified in the Motor  
Vehicle Code, every person convicted of a misdemeanor for  
violation of any provision of the Motor Vehicle Code shall be  
punished by a fine of not more than three hundred dollars  
(\$300) [~~or by imprisonment for not more than ninety days or~~

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