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HOUSE BILL 635

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL REGISTRATION  
PLATES FOR A NEW MEXICO MEMBER OF THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF  
POLICE.

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

Section 1. A new section of Chapter 66, Article 3 NMSA  
1978 is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES FOR A NEW  
MEXICO MEMBER OF THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE. --

A. The department shall issue special registration  
plates to a person who is a New Mexico member of the fraternal  
order of police.

B. No person shall represent himself to be a New  
Mexico member of the fraternal order of police if he is, in  
fact, not a New Mexico member of the fraternal order of police.

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1 The secretary shall determine what constitutes satisfactory  
2 proof.

3 C. A person who violates the provisions of  
4 Subsection B of this section is guilty of a petty misdemeanor  
5 and shall be sentenced pursuant to Section 31-19-1 NMSA 1978.

6 D. A fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), which  
7 shall be in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration  
8 fee, shall be collected by the department for the original  
9 issuance of the special registration plate for a New Mexico  
10 member of the fraternal order of police.

11 E. Ten dollars (\$10.00) of the fee collected  
12 pursuant to Subsection D of this section shall be retained by  
13 the department and is appropriated to the department to defray  
14 the cost of making and issuing special registration plates for  
15 a New Mexico member of the fraternal order of police.

16 F. The amount of the fee collected pursuant to this  
17 section less any amount distributed pursuant to Subsection E of  
18 this section shall be deposited in the motor vehicle suspense  
19 fund for distribution in accordance with Section 66-6-23 NMSA  
20 1978.

21 G. The secretary shall approve the final plate  
22 design for the special registration plates for New Mexico  
23 members of the fraternal order of police.

24 H. When a person holding a special plate ceases to  
25 be a New Mexico member of the fraternal order of police, he

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1 shall immediately remove the plate from the vehicle and return  
2 it to the secretary, at which time it shall be exchanged for a  
3 regular registration plate. "

4 Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. --The effective date of the  
5 provisions of this act is July 1, 2003.

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