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HOUSE BILL 75

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

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AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; DESIGNATING A SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE
FOR ARMED FORCES RETIREES; 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,
Section 66-3-424 NMSA 1978, is enacted to read:

"66-3-424. [NEW MATERIAL] SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES FOR
ARMED FORCES RETIREES. --

A. The department shall issue distinctive
registration plates indicating that the recipient is a retiree
of the armed forces of the United States.

B. For a fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00), which
shall be in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration
fees, any motor vehicle owner who is a retiree of the armed
forces of the United States may apply for the issuance of a

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1 special registration plate as defined in Subsection A of this
2 section. No two owners shall be issued identically lettered or
3 numbered plates.

4 C. The fifteen-dollar (\$15.00) fee provided for in
5 Subsection B of this section shall be waived for each
6 registration period in which a validating sticker is issued
7 under the provisions of Section 66-3-17 NMSA 1978, in lieu of
8 the issuance of a special armed forces retiree plate.

9 E. The revenue from the special registration
10 plates for the armed forces retirees' fee imposed by Subsection
11 B of this section shall be distributed as follows:

12 (1) seven dollars (\$7.00) of the fee collected
13 for each registration plate shall be retained by the department
14 and is appropriated to the department for the manufacture and
15 issuance of the registration plates; and

16 (2) eight dollars (\$8.00) of the fee collected for
17 each registration plate shall be paid to the state treasurer for
18 credit to the motor vehicle suspense fund for distribution in
19 accordance with Section 66-6-23 NMSA 1978. "

20 Section 2. Section 66-6-23 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978,
21 Chapter 35, Section 358, as amended) is amended to read:

22 "66-6-23. DISPOSITION OF FEES. --

23 A. After the necessary disbursements for refunds and
24 other purposes have been made, the money remaining in the motor
25 vehicle suspense fund, except for remittances received within the

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1 previous two months that are unidentified as to source or
2 disposition, shall be distributed as follows:

3 (1) to each municipality, county or fee agent
4 operating a motor vehicle field office:

5 (a) an amount equal to six dollars (\$6.00)
6 per driver's license and three dollars (\$3.00) per identification
7 card or motor vehicle or motorboat registration or title transaction
8 performed; and

9 (b) for each such agent determined by the
10 secretary pursuant to Section 66-2-16 NMSA 1978 to have performed
11 ten thousand or more transactions in the preceding fiscal year,
12 other than a class A county with a population exceeding three
13 hundred thousand or any municipality with a population exceeding
14 three hundred thousand that has been designated as an agent pursuant
15 to Section 66-2-14.1 NMSA 1978, an amount equal to one dollar
16 (\$1.00) in addition to the amount distributed pursuant to
17 Subparagraph (a) of this paragraph for each driver's license,
18 identification card, motor vehicle registration, motorboat
19 registration or title transaction performed;

20 (2) to each municipality or county, other than a
21 class A county with a population exceeding three hundred thousand or
22 a municipality with a population exceeding three hundred thousand
23 designated as an agent pursuant to Section 66-2-14.1 NMSA 1978,
24 operating a motor vehicle field office, an amount equal to fifty
25 cents (\$.50) for each administrative service fee remitted by that

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1 county or municipality to the department pursuant to the provisions
2 of Subsection A of Section 66-2-16 NMSA 1978;

3 (3) to the state road fund:

4 (a) an amount equal to the fees collected
5 pursuant to Section 66-7-413.4 NMSA 1978;

6 (b) an amount equal to the fee collected
7 pursuant to Section 66-3-417 NMSA 1978;

8 (c) the remainder of each driver's license
9 fee collected by the department employees from an applicant to whom
10 a license is granted after deducting from the driver's license fee
11 the amount of the distribution authorized in Paragraph (1) of this
12 subsection with respect to that collected driver's license fee; and

13 (d) an amount equal to fifty percent of the
14 fees collected pursuant to Section 66-6-19 NMSA 1978;

15 (4) to the local governments road fund, the amount
16 of the fees collected pursuant to Subsection B of Section 66-5-33.1
17 NMSA 1978 and the remainder of the fees collected pursuant to
18 Subsection A of Section 66-5-408 NMSA 1978;

19 (5) to the department:

20 (a) any amounts reimbursed to the department
21 pursuant to Subsection C of Section 66-2-14.1 NMSA 1978;

22 (b) an amount equal to two dollars (\$2.00) of
23 each motorcycle registration fee collected pursuant to Section 66-6-
24 1 NMSA 1978;

25 (c) an amount equal to the fees provided for

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1 in Subsection D of Section 66-2-7 NMSA 1978, Subsection E of Section
2 66-2-16 NMSA 1978, Subsections J and K of Section 66-3-6 NMSA 1978
3 other than the administrative fee, Subsection C of Section 66-5-44
4 NMSA 1978 and Subsection B of Section 66-5-408 NMSA 1978;

5 (d) the amounts due to the department
6 pursuant to Paragraph (1) of Subsection E of Section 66-3-419 NMSA
7 1978, Subsection E of Section 66-3-422 NMSA 1978, [~~and~~] Subsection E
8 of Section 66-3-423 NMSA 1978 and Paragraph (2) of Subsection E of
9 Section 66-3-424 NMSA 1978; and

10 (e) an amount equal to the registration fees
11 collected pursuant to Section 66-6-6.1 NMSA 1978 for the purposes of
12 enforcing the provisions of the Mandatory Financial Responsibility
13 Act and for creating and maintaining a multilanguage noncommercial
14 driver's license testing program;

15 (6) to each New Mexico institution of higher
16 education, an amount equal to that part of the fees distributed
17 pursuant to Paragraph (2) of Subsection D of Section 66-3-416 NMSA
18 1978 proportionate to the number of special registration plates
19 issued in the name of the institution to all such special
20 registration plates issued in the name of all institutions;

21 (7) to the armed forces veterans license fund, the
22 amount to be distributed pursuant to Paragraph (2) of Subsection E
23 of Section 66-3-419 NMSA 1978;

24 (8) to the children's trust fund, the amount to be
25 distributed pursuant to Paragraph (2) of Subsection D of Section 66-

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1 3-420 NMSA 1978;

2 (9) to the state highway and transportation
3 department, an amount equal to the fees collected pursuant to
4 Section 66-5-35 NMSA 1978;

5 (10) to the state equalization guarantee
6 distribution made annually pursuant to the general appropriation
7 act, an amount equal to one hundred percent of the driver safety fee
8 collected pursuant to Subsection D of Section 66-5-44 NMSA 1978;

9 (11) to the motorcycle training fund, two dollars
10 (\$2.00) of each motorcycle registration fee collected pursuant to
11 Section 66-6-1 NMSA 1978;

12 (12) to the highway infrastructure fund, all tire
13 recycling fees collected pursuant to the provisions of Sections 66-
14 6-1, 66-6-2, 66-6-4, 66-6-5 and 66-6-8 NMSA 1978;

15 (13) to each county, an amount equal to fifty
16 percent of the fees collected pursuant to Section 66-6-19 NMSA 1978
17 multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the total
18 mileage of public roads maintained by the county and the denominator
19 of which is the total mileage of public roads maintained by all
20 counties in the state; and

21 (14) to the litter control and beautification
22 fund, an amount equal to the fees collected pursuant to Section 66-
23 6-6.2 NMSA 1978.

24 B. The balance, exclusive of unidentified remittances,
25 shall be distributed in accordance with

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1 Section 66-6-23.1 NMSA 1978.

2 C. If any of the paragraphs, subsections or sections
3 referred to in Subsection A of this section are recompiled or
4 otherwise re-designated without a corresponding change to Subsection
5 A of this section, the reference in Subsection A of this section
6 shall be construed to be the recompiled or re-designated paragraph,
7 subsection or section. "

8 Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. --The effective date of the
9 provisions of this act is July 1, 2003.

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