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AN ACT

RELATING TO FIREFIGHTERS; PROVIDING FOR A DISTRIBUTION TO THE
FIREFIGHTERS' SURVIVORS FUND; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

Section 1. Section 66-3-422 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1998,
Chapter 21, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

"66-3-422. SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES FOR FIREFIGHTERS
AND VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS.--

A. The department shall issue special registration
plates to a person employed as a New Mexico firefighter, upon
the submission by the person of proof satisfactory to the
department that the person is currently employed as a New
Mexico firefighter, including submission of a signed consent
form from the fire chief.

B. The department shall issue special registration
plates to a person who is an active volunteer firefighter
with a volunteer fire department recognized by the state fire
marshal upon the submission by the person of proof
satisfactory to the department that the person is currently
an active member of a recognized volunteer fire department.
Such proof shall include the submission of a signed consent
form from the fire chief.

C. A person shall not make any representation as
being a New Mexico firefighter or volunteer firefighter if

1 the person is not, in fact, a New Mexico firefighter or
2 volunteer firefighter. The secretary shall determine what
3 constitutes satisfactory proof of employment as a New Mexico
4 firefighter or status as a volunteer firefighter.

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

8 E. A fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), which is
9 in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee,
10 shall be collected by the department for the original
11 issuance of the special registration plate for New Mexico
12 firefighters and volunteer firefighters.

13 F. Ten dollars (\$10.00) of the fee collected
14 pursuant to Subsection E of this section shall be retained by
15 the department and is appropriated to the department to
16 defray the cost of making and issuing special registration
17 plates for New Mexico firefighters and volunteer
18 firefighters.

19 G. The amount of the fee collected pursuant to
20 this section less any amount distributed pursuant to
21 Subsection F of this section shall be deposited in the
22 firefighters' survivors fund.

23 H. The secretary shall approve the final plate
24 design for the special registration plates for New Mexico
25 firefighters in accordance with New Mexico law. The

1 secretary shall approve and issue a separate and distinctive
2 plate clearly marked as "volunteer" for issuance to volunteer
3 firefighters.

4 I. When a person holding a special plate pursuant
5 to this section ceases to be employed as a firefighter or
6 serve as an active volunteer firefighter, the person shall
7 immediately remove the plate from the vehicle and return it to
8 the secretary, at which time it shall be exchanged for a
9 regular registration plate. A firefighter who holds a special
10 plate and retires may retain the special plate."

11 Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE--CONTINGENCY.--

12 A. Except as provided in Subsection B of this
13 section, the effective date of the provisions of this act is
14 July 1, 2007.

15 B. This act is contingent upon the enactment into
16 law of House Bill 377 or Senate Bill 329 or a substantially
17 similar bill of the first session of the forty-eighth
18 legislature that creates the firefighters' survivors fund. If
19 no such bill is enacted into law, the provisions of this act
20 shall not become effective. _____