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SENATE BILL 692

49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009

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AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION; REQUIRING THAT THE
WORDS "VISIT NEW MEXICO" AND THE NEW MEXICO WEB SITE ADDRESS BE
ON ALL NEW MOTOR VEHICLE PLATES.

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

Section 1. Section 66-3-14 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978,
Chapter 35, Section 34, as amended) is amended to read:

"66-3-14. REGISTRATION PLATES OR VALIDATING STICKERS TO
BE FURNISHED BY DEPARTMENT--REFLECTIVE MATERIAL.--

A. The department upon registering a vehicle shall
issue a registration plate or a validating sticker to the owner
of the vehicle. The validating sticker may be designed and
required to be placed on the registration plate or elsewhere on
the vehicle as prescribed by the department.

B. Each registration plate shall have a background

1 of reflective material such that the registration number
2 assigned to the vehicle is plainly legible from a distance of
3 one hundred feet at night. The colors shall include those of
4 the state flag, except prestige and special plates. All
5 registration plates manufactured after July 1, 2009 shall have
6 "Visit New Mexico" and "www.newmexico.org" printed on the
7 plates.

8 C. Each registration plate shall have displayed
9 upon it:

10 (1) the registration number assigned to the
11 person to whom it was issued; and

12 (2) the name of this state.

13 D. The department shall issue no registration
14 plates for privately owned vehicles that contain the words
15 "staff officer" or any other title except as otherwise provided
16 by law.

17 E. All registration plates for private vehicles
18 shall be alike in form except for the owner's registration
19 number. The department shall adopt registration number systems
20 for registration plates.

21 F. In lieu of or in addition to a registration
22 plate or sticker for commercial motor vehicles, the department
23 may issue an electronic identifying device."

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