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SENATE BILL 149

**49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2010**

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL REGISTRATION  
PLATES FOR PERSONS AWARDED THE AIR MEDAL BY THE UNITED STATES  
ARMED FORCES; PROVIDING A PENALTY; 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 is  
enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES FOR AIR MEDAL  
RECIPIENTS.--

A. The department shall issue a standardized  
special registration plate with a logo as specified in Section  
66-3-424 NMSA 1978 indicating that the recipient has been  
awarded the air medal by the United States armed forces upon  
the submission by the person of proof satisfactory to the  
department that the person has been awarded that medal.

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1           B. No person shall falsely claim to be an air medal  
2 recipient so as to be eligible to be issued a special  
3 registration plate pursuant to this section.

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

7           D. A fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), which is  
8 in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee,  
9 shall be collected by the department for the original issuance  
10 of the special registration plate for air medal recipients.

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 air medal recipients. The remaining fifteen dollars (\$15.00)  
16 shall be deposited in the motor vehicle suspense fund for  
17 distribution pursuant to Section 66-6-23 NMSA 1978.

18           F. The secretary shall approve the final logo  
19 design for the special registration plate for air medal  
20 recipients."