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AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; AMENDING A SECTION OF THE MOTOR
VEHICLE CODE TO PROVIDE FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR THE DISABLED
VETERANS SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE FOR VETERANS WITH AT
LEAST A FIFTY PERCENT DISABILITY.

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

SECTION 1. Section 66-3-412 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1979,
Chapter 299, Section 2, as amended) is amended to read:

"66-3-412. SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES--FIFTY PERCENT
OR MORE DISABLED VETERANS--SUBMISSION OF PROOF--PENALTY.--

A. The department shall issue distinctive
registration plates for up to two vehicles, including
motorcycles, to a person who is a veteran of the armed forces
of the United States and was fifty percent or more disabled
while serving in the armed forces of the United States, upon
the submission by the person of proof satisfactory to the
department that the person was fifty percent or more disabled
while serving in the armed forces of the United States. No
fee, including the regular registration fee applicable to the
passenger motor vehicle or regular motorcycle registration
fees, if any, shall be collected for issuance of a special
registration plate pursuant to this section. A person
eligible for a special registration plate pursuant to this
section and also eligible for one or more special

1 registration plates pursuant to Sections 66-3-406, 66-3-409,
2 66-3-411 and 66-3-412.1 NMSA 1978 shall be issued only one
3 special registration plate of the person's choice.

4 B. No person shall falsely make any representation
5 as having been fifty percent or more disabled while serving
6 in the armed forces of the United States so as to be eligible
7 to be issued special registration plates pursuant to this
8 section when the person in fact was not fifty percent or more
9 disabled while serving in the armed forces of the United
10 States.

11 C. A person who violates the provisions of
12 Subsection B of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

13 D. As used in this section, "veteran" means a
14 citizen of the United States who was regularly enlisted,
15 drafted, inducted or commissioned, who was accepted for and
16 assigned to active duty in the armed forces of the United
17 States and who was not separated from such service under
18 circumstances amounting to dishonorable discharge."

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