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SENATE BILL 302

**50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2011**

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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-- [~~ONE HUNDRED~~]  
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 [~~as defined in Section 28-13-7 NMSA 1978~~]

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1 and was [~~one hundred~~] fifty percent or more disabled while  
2 serving in the armed forces of the United States, upon the  
3 submission by the person of proof satisfactory to the  
4 department that [~~he~~] the person was [~~one hundred~~] fifty percent  
5 or more disabled while serving in the armed forces of the  
6 United States. No fee, including the regular registration fee  
7 applicable to the passenger motor vehicle or regular motorcycle  
8 registration fees, if any, shall be collected for issuance of a  
9 special registration plate pursuant to this section. A person  
10 eligible for a special registration plate pursuant to this  
11 section and also eligible for one or more special registration  
12 plates pursuant to Sections 66-3-406, 66-3-409, 66-3-411 and  
13 66-3-412.1 NMSA 1978 shall be issued only one special  
14 registration plate of [~~his~~] the person's choice.

15 B. No person shall falsely [~~represent himself to~~  
16 ~~have~~] make any representation as having been [~~one hundred~~]  
17 fifty percent or more disabled while serving in the armed  
18 forces of the United States so as to be eligible to be issued  
19 special registration plates pursuant to this section when [~~he~~]  
20 the person in fact was not [~~one hundred~~] fifty percent or more  
21 disabled while serving in the armed forces of the United  
22 States.

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

25 D. As used in this section, "veteran" means a

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1 citizen of the United States who was regularly enlisted,  
2 drafted, inducted or commissioned, who was accepted for and  
3 assigned to active duty in the armed forces of the United  
4 States and who was not separated from such service under  
5 circumstances amounting to dishonorable discharge."

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