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HOUSE BILL 393

**53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2017**

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; ENACTING A NEW SECTION OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE CODE TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE RECOGNIZING THE CHILE PEPPER, THE FRUIT FROM CAPSICUM ANNUUM; 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] CHILE PEPPER SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE.--

A. The division shall issue a standardized special registration plate with a logo specified in Section 66-3-424 NMSA 1978 indicating support for the chile pepper, the fruit from Capsicum annuum, and displaying the image of one or more chile peppers.

B. For a fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00), which

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1 shall be in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration  
2 fees, the owner of a vehicle may apply for issuance of a chile  
3 pepper special registration plate. The owner shall apply and  
4 pay the fee each year to retain and renew the chile pepper  
5 special registration plate.

6 C. Revenue from the additional fee for a chile  
7 pepper special registration plate shall be distributed as  
8 follows:

9 (1) ten dollars (\$10.00) of the additional fee  
10 collected shall be retained by and is appropriated to the  
11 department to defray the cost of making and issuing the chile  
12 pepper special registration plate; and

13 (2) twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) of the  
14 additional fee collected shall be distributed to and is  
15 appropriated to the farm and ranch heritage museum for  
16 educational programs."

17 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the  
18 provisions of this act is July 1, 2017.