

1 SENATE BILL 297

2 **53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2017**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES; PROVIDING INCREASED  
12 OPTIONS OF FREE SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES FOR FIFTY PERCENT  
13 OR MORE DISABLED VETERANS.

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

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

18 "66-3-412. SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES--FIFTY PERCENT OR  
19 MORE DISABLED VETERANS--SUBMISSION OF PROOF--PENALTY.--

20 A. The department shall issue distinctive  
21 registration plates for up to two vehicles, including  
22 motorcycles, to a person who is a veteran of the armed forces  
23 of the United States and was fifty percent or more disabled  
24 while serving in the armed forces of the United States, upon  
25 the submission by the person of proof satisfactory to the

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1 department that the person was fifty percent or more disabled  
2 while serving in the armed forces of the United States. No  
3 fee, including the regular registration fee applicable to the  
4 passenger motor vehicle or regular motorcycle registration  
5 fees, if any, shall be collected for issuance of ~~[a]~~ up to two  
6 special registration ~~[plate]~~ plates pursuant to this section.  
7 A person eligible for a special registration plate pursuant to  
8 this section and also eligible for one or more special  
9 registration plates pursuant to Sections ~~[66-3-406]~~ 66-3-409,  
10 66-3-411, ~~[and]~~ 66-3-412.1, 66-3-414, 66-3-415, 66-3-419,  
11 66-3-424.4, 66-3-424.7, 66-3-424.10, 66-3-424.11, 66-3-424.20  
12 and 66-3-424.21 NMSA 1978 shall be issued ~~[only one]~~ up to two  
13 special registration ~~[plate]~~ plates for which the person is  
14 eligible, in any combination of the person's choice of the  
15 special registration plates cited in this section free of  
16 charge, notwithstanding any fee that would otherwise be charged  
17 for a special registration plate.

18 B. No person shall falsely make any representation  
19 as having been fifty percent or more disabled while serving in  
20 the armed forces of the United States so as to be eligible to  
21 be issued special registration plates pursuant to this section  
22 when the person in fact was not fifty percent or more disabled  
23 while serving in the armed forces of the United States.

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

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

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