

HOUSE BILL 103

**53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2018**

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; EXPANDING WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO  
RECEIVE A GOLD STAR FAMILY REGISTRATION PLATE; MAKING AN  
APPROPRIATION.

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 66-3-424.24 NMSA 1978 (being Laws  
2009, Chapter 88, Section 1) is amended to read:

"66-3-424.24. REGISTRATION PLATES--GOLD STAR FAMILIES--  
SUBMISSION OF PROOF--PENALTY.--

A. [~~Except as provided in Subsection B of this  
section~~] The division shall issue distinctive registration  
plates to the surviving [~~mother, father, stepparent or spouse~~]  
parent, spouse, child or sibling of a service member killed in  
an armed conflict with an enemy of the United States upon the  
submission by the person of proof satisfactory to the division

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1 that the person's [~~son, daughter, stepchild or spouse~~] parent,  
2 spouse, child, or sibling was a service member killed in an  
3 armed conflict with an enemy of the United States.

4 [~~B. For each family of a service member described~~  
5 ~~in Subsection A of this section, the division shall issue~~  
6 ~~special registration plates for no more than four vehicles.~~]  
7 The submission of a United States department of defense form  
8 1300 or department of defense form 3 by a surviving parent,  
9 spouse, child or sibling of a service member killed in armed  
10 conflict with an enemy of the United States shall be proof  
11 satisfactory to the division that the service member was killed  
12 in armed conflict.

13 [~~G.~~] B. No fee, including the regular registration  
14 fee applicable to the passenger motor vehicle, if any, shall be  
15 collected for issuance of the first special registration plate  
16 issued to [~~the mother~~] a surviving parent or spouse of a  
17 service member described in Subsection A of this section. No  
18 fee other than the regular registration fee applicable to the  
19 passenger motor vehicle, if any, shall be collected for  
20 issuance of [~~the~~] three additional special registration plates  
21 issued to [~~the family~~] a surviving parent or spouse of a  
22 service member described in Subsection A of this section.

23 [~~D.~~] C. Except as otherwise provided in Subsection  
24 B of this section, a fee of ten dollars (\$10.00), which is in  
25 addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee, shall

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1 be collected by the division for the original issuance of a  
2 special registration plate pursuant to this section. The fee  
3 shall be retained by the division and is appropriated to the  
4 division to defray the cost of making and issuing special  
5 registration plates pursuant to this section.

6 D. The special registration plate issued pursuant  
7 to this section shall be known as the "gold star families"  
8 special registration plate.

9 E. The division, with the advice and consultation  
10 of the gold star mothers, shall determine the color and design  
11 of the gold star families registration plate and provide for  
12 its issuance.

13 F. No person shall falsely claim to be a surviving  
14 ~~[mother, father, stepparent or spouse]~~ parent, spouse, child or  
15 sibling of a service member killed in an armed conflict with an  
16 enemy of the United States so as to be eligible to be issued  
17 special registration plates pursuant to this section.

18 G. Any person who violates the provisions of  
19 Subsection F of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

20 H. As used in this section:

21 (1) "child" includes a biological, adopted or  
22 foster child, a stepchild, a legal ward or a child of a person  
23 standing in loco parentis;

24 (2) "parent" includes a biological, adoptive  
25 or foster parent, a stepparent or an individual who stands in

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1 loco parentis to a child; and

2 (3) "sibling" includes a stepsibling and a  
3 half-sibling."

4 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the  
5 provisions of this act is July 1, 2018.

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