

April 4, 2019

HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 25

The Honorable Brian Egolf, Jr., Speaker of the House and
Members of the House of Representatives
State Capitol Building
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Honorable Speaker Egolf and Members of the House:

Pursuant to my authority under Article IV, Section 22 of the New Mexico Constitution, I have vetoed HOUSE BILL 167, as amended (“HB 167”), enacted by the Fifty-Fourth Legislature, First Session, 2019.

HB 167 requires the periodic replacement of vehicle registration plates every eight years and imposes a fee of two dollars for each year of registration. Notably, under current law, a person with an illegible license plate is already required to obtain a duplicate or replacement registration plate. With that current law in mind, I do not believe that any marginal benefits that would be achieved through mandatory registration plate replacement are worth the additional financial burden that would be borne by New Mexicans. I am also sensitive to the fact that the additional fees would fall hardest on the poorest New Mexicans and make it more difficult for them to afford a legally registered vehicle. For these reasons, I have vetoed HB 167.

Respectfully yours,

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

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