

1 AN ACT

2 RELATING TO SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES; PROVIDING INCREASED
3 OPTIONS OF FREE SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES FOR FIFTY PERCENT
4 OR MORE DISABLED VETERANS.

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

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

9 "66-3-412. SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES--FIFTY PERCENT
10 OR MORE DISABLED VETERANS--SUBMISSION OF PROOF--PENALTY.--

11 A. The department shall issue distinctive
12 registration plates for up to two vehicles, including
13 motorcycles, to a person who is a veteran of the armed forces
14 of the United States and was fifty percent or more disabled
15 while serving in the armed forces of the United States, upon
16 the submission by the person of proof satisfactory to the
17 department that the person was fifty percent or more disabled
18 while serving in the armed forces of the United States. No
19 fee, including the regular registration fee applicable to the
20 passenger motor vehicle or regular motorcycle registration
21 fees, if any, shall be collected for issuance of up to two
22 special registration plates pursuant to this section. A
23 person eligible for a special registration plate pursuant to
24 this section and also eligible for one or more special
25 registration plates pursuant to the Motor Vehicle Code shall

1 be issued up to two special registration plates for which the
2 person is eligible, in any combination of the person's choice
3 free of charge, notwithstanding any fee that would otherwise
4 be charged for a special registration plate.

5 B. No person shall falsely make any representation
6 as having been fifty percent or more disabled while serving
7 in the armed forces of the United States so as to be eligible
8 to be issued special registration plates pursuant to this
9 section when the person in fact was not fifty percent or more
10 disabled while serving in the armed forces of the United
11 States.

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

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

20 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
21 provisions of this act is July 1, 2019. _____