

HOUSE BILL 240

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AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL  
REGISTRATION PLATE TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR ACEQUIA AND COMMUNITY  
DITCH ASSOCIATIONS; HTPWC→**ALLOWING FOR CESSATION OF SPECIAL  
LICENSE PLATE ISSUANCE UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS;**←HTPWC  
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

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enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] SPECIAL ACEQUIA AND COMMUNITY DITCH ASSOCIATIONS REGISTRATION PLATE.--

A. The department shall issue a standardized special registration plate with a logo as specified in Section 66-3-424 NMSA 1978 to express support for acequia and community ditch associations.

B. For an initial fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00), which shall be in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fees, an owner of a motor vehicle may apply for issuance of a special acequia and community ditch associations registration plate. The owner shall pay a renewal fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00) each year to retain and renew the special acequia and community ditch associations registration plate.

C. Revenue from the fees imposed by Subsection B of this section for a special acequia and community ditch associations registration plate shall be distributed as follows:

(1) HTPWC→~~ten dollars (\$10.00)~~←HTPWC  
HTPWC→**twelve dollars (\$12.00)**←HTPWC of the initial fee collected for each registration plate shall be retained by the department and is appropriated to the department for the manufacture and issuance of the special registration plates;  
and

(2) HTPWC→~~twenty dollars (\$20.00)~~←HTPWC

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HTPWC→**eighteen dollars (\$18.00)**←HTPWC of the initial fee and the entire renewal fee collected for each registration plate shall be appropriated to the acequia and community ditch fund. HTPWC→~~u~~←HTPWC

HTPWC→**D. Beginning on July 1, 2027, and on July 1 of each subsequent year, the department shall compare the number of special acequia and community ditch associations registration plates issued and renewed in the previous fiscal year with the average number of such plates issued and renewed in fiscal years 2025 and 2026. If the department determines that the number of special acequia and community ditch associations registration plates issued and renewed in the previous fiscal year is less than fifty percent of the average number of the plates issued and renewed in fiscal year 2025 or 2026, the department may stop issuing special acequia and community ditch associations registration plates.**←HTPWC

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the provisions of this act is January 1, 2024.

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