

1 HOUSE BILL 480

2 **57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO LICENSE PLATES; CREATING A SUICIDE PREVENTION  
12 SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE; ALLOWING FOR THE CESSATION OF  
13 SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE ISSUANCE UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; MAKING  
14 AN APPROPRIATION.

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

17 SECTION 1. A new section of Chapter 66, Article 3 NMSA  
18 1978 is enacted to read:

19 "[NEW MATERIAL] SUICIDE PREVENTION SPECIAL REGISTRATION  
20 PLATE.--

21 A. Beginning January 1, 2026, the division shall  
22 issue a standardized special registration plate with a logo  
23 designed as specified in Section 66-3-424 NMSA 1978 to express  
24 support for suicide prevention.

25 B. For a fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00), which

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1 shall be in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration  
2 fees, a motor vehicle owner may apply for issuance of a suicide  
3 prevention special registration plate. The owner shall pay a  
4 renewal fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00) each year to retain and  
5 renew the special registration plate.

6 C. Revenue from the fees imposed by Subsection B of  
7 this section shall be distributed as follows:

8 (1) twelve dollars (\$12.00) of the initial fee  
9 collected for each registration plate shall be retained by the  
10 department and is appropriated to the department for the  
11 manufacture and issuance of the special registration plates;  
12 and

13 (2) the remaining portion of the initial fee  
14 and the entire renewal fee collected for each registration  
15 plate shall be distributed to and is appropriated to the  
16 behavioral health services division of the health care  
17 authority to support suicide prevention efforts.

18 D. Beginning on July 1, 2031, and on July 1 of each  
19 subsequent year, the department may compare the number of  
20 suicide prevention special registration plates issued and  
21 renewed in the previous fiscal year with the average number of  
22 such plates issued and renewed annually between fiscal years  
23 2026 through 2031. If the department determines that the  
24 number of suicide prevention special registration plates issued  
25 and renewed in the previous fiscal year is less than fifty

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1 percent of the average number of the plates issued and renewed  
2 annually between fiscal years 2026 through 2031, the department  
3 may stop issuing those special registration plates."

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