

1 SENATE BILL 128

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

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION; PROHIBITING SPECIAL REGISTRATION
12 PLATES FROM DISPLAYING CERTAIN CHARACTERS.

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

15 SECTION 1. Section 66-3-15 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978,
16 Chapter 35, Section 35, as amended) is amended to read:

17 "66-3-15. SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES--PROCEDURES--FEE.--

18 A. The division shall establish and issue special
19 registration plates, including motorcycle special prestige
20 registration plates, and [~~shall establish and~~] may promulgate
21 [~~procedures~~] rules for applications for and issuance of special
22 registration plates.

23 B. For a fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00), which fee
24 shall be in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration
25 fees, any owner of a motor vehicle may apply for the issuance

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1 of a special registration plate as defined in Subsection A of
2 this section. No two owners will be issued identically
3 lettered or numbered plates or plates that cannot be easily
4 differentiated.

5 C. An owner [~~must~~] shall make a new application and
6 pay a new fee each year [~~he~~] that the owner desires to obtain a
7 special registration plate; however, [~~he will~~] the owner shall
8 have first priority on that plate for each subsequent year that
9 [~~he~~] the owner makes timely and appropriate application.

10 D. All fees collected shall be paid to the state
11 treasurer to the credit of the motor vehicle suspense fund with
12 distribution in accordance with Section 66-6-23 NMSA 1978.

13 E. No special registration plate shall be
14 established or issued that displays characters that the
15 division determines:

16 (1) to be derogatory, offensive or misleading;

17 (2) to be obscene, vulgar, sexually explicit
18 or profane;

19 (3) promotes drugs, alcohol or other
20 intoxicating substances; or

21 (4) promotes violence or gang affiliation."