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**HOUSE BILL 840**

**45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001**

**INTRODUCED BY**

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**AN ACT**

**RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION; PROVIDING A  
REGISTRATION EXEMPTION FOR MOTOR VEHICLES THAT ARE MOVED BY  
CERTAIN TOWING SERVICES.**

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

**Section 1. Section 66-3-1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978,  
Chapter 35, Section 21, as amended) is amended to read:**

**"66-3-1. VEHICLES SUBJECT TO REGISTRATION--EXCEPTIONS.--**

**A. Every motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer and  
pole trailer when driven or moved upon a highway is subject to  
the registration and certificate of title provisions of the  
Motor Vehicle Code except:**

**(1) any such vehicle driven or moved upon a  
highway in conformance with the provisions of the Motor  
Vehicle Code relating to manufacturers, dealers, lien-holders**

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1 or nonresidents;

2 (2) any such vehicle that is driven or moved  
3 upon a highway only for the purpose of crossing the highway  
4 from one property to another;

5 (3) any implement of husbandry that is only  
6 incidentally operated or moved upon a highway;

7 (4) any special mobile equipment;

8 (5) any vehicle that is propelled exclusively  
9 by electric power obtained from overhead trolley wires though  
10 not operated upon rails;

11 (6) freight trailers if they are:

12 (a) properly registered in another  
13 state;

14 (b) identified by a proper base  
15 registration plate that is properly displayed; and

16 (c) identified by other registration  
17 documents that are in the possession of the operator and  
18 exhibited at the request of a police officer; [~~and~~]

19 (7) freight trailers or utility trailers  
20 owned and used by:

21 (a) a nonresident solely for the  
22 transportation of farm products purchased by the nonresident  
23 from growers or producers of the farm products and transported  
24 in the trailer out of the state;

25 (b) farmers and ranchers who transport

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1 to market only the produce, animals or fowl produced by them  
2 or who transport back to their farms and ranches supplies for  
3 use thereon; or

4 (c) persons who transport animals to  
5 and from fairs, rodeos or other places, except racetracks,  
6 where the animals are exhibited or otherwise take part in  
7 performances, in trailers drawn by a motor vehicle or truck of  
8 less than ten thousand pounds gross vehicle weight rating  
9 bearing a proper registration plate, but in no case shall the  
10 owner of an unregistered trailer described in this paragraph  
11 perform such uses for hire; and

12 (8) any such vehicle driven or moved on a  
13 highway by a motor club towing service as defined in Section  
14 59A-50-2 NMSA 1978.

15 B. No certificate of title need be obtained for  
16 any vehicle of a type subject to registration owned by the  
17 government of the United States.

18 C. Every ~~manufactured home~~ shall be subject to the  
19 registration and certificate of title provisions of the Motor  
20 Vehicle Code, and each ~~manufactured home~~ shall at all times  
21 bear a current registration plate. "