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**SENATE BILL 88**

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

**INTRODUCED BY**

**John Arthur Smith**

**AN ACT**

**RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; AMENDING A SECTION OF THE MOTOR  
VEHICLE CODE TO PROVIDE THAT NEW MEXICO RESIDENCY IS NOT A  
REQUIREMENT FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN RECREATIONAL VEHICLES  
IN NEW MEXICO.**

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

**Section 1. Section 66-3-4 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978,  
Chapter 35, Section 24, as amended) is amended to read:**

**"66-3-4. APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AND CERTIFICATE OF  
TITLE. --**

**A. Every owner of a vehicle of a type required to be  
registered in this state shall make application to the division  
for the registration and issuance of a certificate of title for  
[such] the vehicle. Applications shall be upon the appropriate  
forms furnished by the division and shall bear the signature of**

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1 the owner written with pen and ink. All applications  
2 presented to the division shall contain:

3 (1) for a vehicle other than a recreational  
4 vehicle, the name, bona fide New Mexico residence address and  
5 mail address of the owner or, if the owner is a firm,  
6 association or corporation, [~~then~~] the name, bona fide New  
7 Mexico business address and mail address of the firm,  
8 association or corporation and for a recreational vehicle, the  
9 name, bona fide residence address and mail address of the  
10 owner and proof of delivery in New Mexico;

11 (2) a description of the vehicle including,  
12 insofar as the hereinafter specified data may exist with  
13 respect to a given vehicle, the make, model, type of body, the  
14 number of cylinders, type of fuel used, the serial number of  
15 the vehicle, the odometer reading, the engine or other  
16 identification number provided by the manufacturer of the  
17 vehicle, whether new or used and, if a vehicle not previously  
18 registered, the date of sale by the manufacturer or dealer to  
19 the person intending to operate [~~such~~] the vehicle. In the  
20 event a vehicle is designed, constructed, converted or rebuilt  
21 for the transportation of property, the application shall  
22 include a statement of its rated capacity as established by  
23 the manufacturer of the chassis or the complete vehicle;

24 (3) a statement of the applicant's title and of  
25 all liens or encumbrances upon [~~said~~] the vehicle and the

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1 names and addresses of all persons having any interest therein  
2 and the nature of every such interest and the name and address  
3 of the person to whom the certificate of title shall be  
4 delivered by the division;

5 (4) if the vehicle required to be registered is  
6 a house trailer, as defined in the Motor Vehicle Code, a  
7 certificate from the treasurer or assessor of the county in  
8 which the house trailer is located showing that either:

9 (a) all property taxes due or to become due  
10 on the house trailer for the current tax year or any past tax  
11 years have been paid; or

12 (b) no liability for property taxes on the  
13 house trailer exists for the current year or any past tax  
14 years; and

15 (5) further information as may reasonably be  
16 required by the division to enable it to determine whether the  
17 vehicle is lawfully entitled to registration and the owner  
18 entitled to a certificate of title.

19 B. Any owner of a vehicle subject to registration  
20 which has never been registered in this state and which  
21 [~~vehicle~~] has been registered in another state shall have such  
22 vehicle examined and inspected for its identification number  
23 or engine number by the division or an officer or designated  
24 agent thereof incident to securing registration,  
25 reregistration or a certificate of title from the division.

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