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SENATE BILL 409

45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2002

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES FOR NEW MEXICO MAIL CARRIERS; IMPOSING A FEE; 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 enacted to read:

" [NEW MATERIAL] REGISTRATION PLATES FOR NEW MEXICO MAIL CARRIERS. --

A. The department shall issue special registration plates to any person who is an active mail carrier with the United States postal service upon the submission by the person of proof satisfactory to the department that he is currently an active mail carrier. Such proof shall include the submission of a signed consent form from the postmaster.

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1 B. No person shall represent himself to be a mail
2 carrier if that person is, in fact, not a mail carrier. The
3 secretary shall determine what constitutes satisfactory proof
4 of employment as a mail carrier with the United States postal
5 service.

6 C. A person who violates the provisions of
7 Subsection B of this section is guilty of a petty misdemeanor
8 and shall be sentenced pursuant to Section 31-19-1 NMSA 1978.

9 D. A fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), which
10 shall be in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration
11 fee, shall be collected by the department for the original
12 issuance of the special registration plate for mail carriers.

13 E. Ten dollars (\$10.00) of the fee collected
14 pursuant to Subsection D of this section shall be retained by
15 the department and is appropriated to the department to defray
16 the cost of making and issuing special registration plates for
17 mail carriers. The remaining fifteen dollars (\$15.00) shall
18 be deposited in the motor vehicle suspense fund for
19 distribution in accordance with Section 66-6-23 NMSA 1978.

20 F. The secretary shall approve the final plate
21 design for the special registration plates for mail carriers
22 in accordance with New Mexico law. The secretary shall
23 approve and issue a separate and distinctive plate clearly
24 marked as "mail carrier" for issuance to mail carriers.

25 G. When the mail carrier holding a special plate

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1 ceases to be employed as a mail carrier, he shall immediately
2 remove the plate from the vehicle and return it to the
3 secretary, at which time it shall be exchanged for a regular
4 registration plate. When a mail carrier holding a special
5 plate retires from his position as mail carrier, he may retain
6 the special plate. "

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