

1 SENATE BILL 154

2 **51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2014**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; PROVIDING THAT A RECIPIENT OF MORE  
12 THAN TWO PURPLE HEART MEDALS SHALL BE ENTITLED TO AN ADDITIONAL  
13 SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE FOR EACH AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART  
14 MEDAL.

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

17 SECTION 1. Section 66-3-414 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1987,  
18 Chapter 23, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

19 "66-3-414. SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES FOR PURPLE HEART  
20 VETERANS.--

21 A. The division shall issue special registration  
22 plates for up to two vehicles to any person who is a veteran  
23 and a bona fide purple heart medal recipient and who submits  
24 proof satisfactory to the division that the person has been  
25 awarded that medal, except that if a veteran is the recipient

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1 of more than two purple heart medals, the veteran shall be  
2 entitled to an additional special registration plate for each  
3 additional award of the purple heart medal. The plates shall  
4 have a distinctive design, different from the plates issued  
5 pursuant to Section 66-3-419 NMSA 1978, that emphasizes that  
6 the veteran is a purple heart recipient. No fee, including the  
7 regular registration fee applicable to the passenger motor  
8 vehicle, if any, shall be collected for the issuance of the  
9 special registration plates pursuant to this section. A person  
10 who is eligible for special registration plates pursuant to  
11 this section and also eligible for one or more special  
12 registration plates pursuant to Sections 66-3-406, 66-3-409,  
13 66-3-411 and 66-3-412 NMSA 1978 shall be issued special  
14 registration plates pursuant to only one of those sections, the  
15 choice of which shall be made by the veteran.

16 B. No person shall falsely make any representation  
17 as being a purple heart veteran so as to be eligible to be  
18 issued special plates pursuant to this section when the person  
19 in fact is not a purple heart veteran.

20 C. Any person who violates the provisions of  
21 Subsection B of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor."