

March 17, 2017

SENATE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 22

The Honorable Mary Kay Papen, President Pro Tempore and
Members of the New Mexico State Senate
State Capitol Building
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Honorable President Pro Tempore Papen and Members of the Senate:

Pursuant to the Constitution of the State of New Mexico, Article IV, Section 22, I hereby VETO and return SENATE BILL 297, as amended, enacted by the Fifty-Third Legislature, First Session, 2017.

Qualified disabled veterans are currently allowed two license plates free of charge, and one of those can be a specialty plate. By allowing both of those plates to be specialty plates, the state will lose about \$511,000 a year in registration fees. These fees are distributed to several funds, including the State Road Fund. Given the tough fiscal situation our state is facing, and while we are finding ways to build our transportation infrastructure, we cannot afford to reduce these funds. For this reason, I have vetoed Senate Bill 297.

Respectfully yours,

Susana Martinez
Governor

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