

1 SENATE BILL 405

2 **53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2017**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO LICENSE PLATES; CREATING A SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE  
12 RECOGNIZING LEA COUNTY AS A GEOGRAPHIC REGION, KNOWN AS AN  
13 ENERGYPLEX, THAT IS AMONG THE NATIONAL LEADERS IN ENERGY  
14 MINERAL PRODUCTION.

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

17 SECTION 1. A new section of the Motor Vehicle Code is  
18 enacted to read:

19 "[NEW MATERIAL] SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF LEA COUNTY AS AN  
20 ENERGYPLEX REGISTRATION PLATE.--

21 A. The department shall issue a standardized  
22 special registration plate with a logo specified in Section  
23 66-3-424 NMSA 1978 indicating that the recipient wishes to  
24 recognize Lea county as a geographic region, known as an  
25 energyplex, that is among the national leaders in energy

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2 B. For a fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), which  
3 shall be in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration  
4 fees, a motor vehicle owner who wishes to recognize Lea county  
5 as an energyplex may apply for the issuance of a special  
6 registration plate as provided in Subsection A of this section.  
7 No two owners shall be issued identically lettered or numbered  
8 registration plates.

9 C. The twenty-five-dollar (\$25.00) fee provided in  
10 Subsection B of this section shall be waived for each  
11 registration period in which a validating sticker is issued  
12 under the provisions of Section 66-3-17 NMSA 1978, in lieu of  
13 the issuance of a recognition of Lea county as an energyplex  
14 special registration plate.

15 D. The revenue from the recognition of Lea county  
16 as an energyplex special registration plate fee imposed by  
17 Subsection B of this section shall be distributed as follows:

18 (1) ten dollars (\$10.00) of the fee collected  
19 for each registration plate shall be retained by the department  
20 and is appropriated to the department for the manufacture and  
21 issuance of the registration plates; and

22 (2) fifteen dollars (\$15.00) of the fee  
23 collected for each registration plate shall be distributed to  
24 the economic development department for projects developed  
25 under the Local Economic Development Act."

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