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AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; ENACTING A NEW SECTION OF THE
MOTOR VEHICLE CODE TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE
RECOGNIZING THE CHILE PEPPER, THE FRUIT FROM CAPSICUM ANNUM;
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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:

"CHILE PEPPER SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE.--

A. The division shall issue a standardized special
registration plate with a logo specified in Section 66-3-424
NMSA 1978 indicating support for the chile pepper, the fruit
from Capsicum annuum, and displaying the image of one or more
chile peppers.

B. For a fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00),
which shall be in addition to the regular motor vehicle
registration fees, the owner of a vehicle may apply for
issuance of a chile pepper special registration plate. The
owner shall apply and pay the fee each year to retain and
renew the chile pepper special registration plate.

C. Revenue from the additional fee for a chile
pepper special registration plate shall be distributed as
follows:

- (1) ten dollars (\$10.00) of the additional

1 fee collected shall be retained by and is appropriated to the
2 department to defray the cost of making and issuing the chile
3 pepper special registration plate; and

4 (2) twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) of the
5 additional fee collected shall be distributed to and is
6 appropriated to the farm and ranch heritage museum for
7 educational programs."

8 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public
9 peace, health and safety that this act take effect
10 immediately.

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