

HOUSE RULES AND ORDER OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL 335

**53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2018**

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PUBLIC PEACE, HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE;  
ALLOWING THE MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION OF THE TAXATION AND REVENUE  
DEPARTMENT TO RECYCLE LICENSE PLATES; ALLOWING THE PROCEEDS  
FROM THE RECYCLING OF LICENSE PLATES TO BE USED FOR THE  
DIVISION'S OPERATING BUDGET; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. Section 66-3-101 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978,  
Chapter 35, Section 48, as amended) is amended to read:

"66-3-101. TRANSFER BY OWNER--RECORDATION OF MILEAGE OF  
VEHICLE--USE OF THE PLATE AND REGISTRATION NUMBER ON ANOTHER  
VEHICLE.--

A. When the owner of a registered vehicle sells,  
transfers or assigns the owner's title to or interest in, and  
delivers the possession of, the vehicle to another, the

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1 registration of the vehicle shall expire. The previous owner  
2 shall notify the division of the sale or transfer giving the  
3 date thereof, the name and address of the new owner and such  
4 description of the vehicle as may be required in the  
5 appropriate form provided for such purpose by the division. In  
6 the case of any transfer, including [~~but not limited to~~] a  
7 transfer resulting from a sale, lease, gift or auction of any  
8 vehicle, the person making the transfer shall sign and shall  
9 record on the document evidencing the transfer of the vehicle  
10 the actual mileage of the vehicle as indicated by the vehicle's  
11 odometer at the time of the transfer.

12 B. When the owner of a registered vehicle sells,  
13 transfers or assigns title to or interest in the vehicle, the  
14 owner shall remove the registration plates from the vehicle,  
15 except as provided in Subsection [~~G~~] D of this section, and  
16 either forward the registration plates to the division or its  
17 authorized agent to be destroyed or recycled or apply to have  
18 the plate and the registration number assigned to another  
19 vehicle of the same class. The division may assign the plate  
20 and registration number to the newly acquired vehicle of the  
21 same class only upon payment of the registration fee, if  
22 applicable, and only if the application is made in the name of  
23 the original registered owner, unless the owner's name has been  
24 changed by marriage, divorce or court order.

25 C. The division may dispose of the registration

1 plates received pursuant to this section using a recycling  
 2 business operating in the state. Funds received from the  
 3 recycling of registration plates shall be maintained by the  
 4 motor vehicle division toward its operating budget.

5 ~~[G.]~~ D. When the owner of a vehicle bearing a  
 6 current registration plate of a foreign state, territory or  
 7 country transfers or assigns the owner's title or interest in  
 8 the vehicle, the foreign registration plate shall be delivered,  
 9 together with the title to the vehicle and evidence of  
 10 registration, to the division or its authorized agent at the  
 11 time application is made for a New Mexico registration plate,  
 12 except when the assignment or transfer of the title is to a  
 13 bona fide resident of the foreign state, territory or country  
 14 in which the vehicle is registered.

15 ~~[D.]~~ E. The registration plate shall not be  
 16 displayed on the newly acquired vehicle until the registration  
 17 of the vehicle has been completed and a new registration  
 18 certificate issued. However, the temporary registration permit  
 19 issued for the vehicle by the dealer pursuant to the provisions  
 20 of Section 66-3-6 NMSA 1978 shall be displayed in accordance  
 21 with Subsection B of Section 66-3-18 NMSA 1978."

22 **SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**--The effective date of the  
 23 provisions of this act is July 1, 2018.

