

1 HOUSE BILL 358

2 **54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL  
12 REGISTRATION PLATE TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR ACEQUIA AND COMMUNITY  
13 DITCH ASSOCIATIONS; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

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

18 "[NEW MATERIAL] SPECIAL ACEQUIA AND COMMUNITY DITCH  
19 ASSOCIATIONS REGISTRATION PLATE.--

20 A. The department shall issue a standardized  
21 registration plate with a logo specified in Section 66-3-424  
22 NMSA 1978 to express support for acequia and community ditch  
23 associations.

24 B. For a fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00), which is  
25 in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fees, the

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1 owner of a motor vehicle may apply for issuance of a special  
2 acequia and community ditch association registration plate.  
3 The owner shall apply for and pay the fee each year to retain  
4 and renew the special acequia and community ditch association  
5 registration plate.

6 C. The revenue from the special acequia and  
7 community ditch association registration plate fee imposed  
8 pursuant to Subsection B of this section shall be distributed  
9 as follows:

10 (1) ten dollars (\$10.00) of the fee collected  
11 for each registration plate shall be retained by the department  
12 and is appropriated to the department for the manufacture and  
13 issuance of the special registration plates; and

14 (2) twenty dollars (\$20.00) of the fee  
15 collected for each registration plate shall be appropriated to  
16 the acequia and community ditch fund."

17 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the  
18 provisions of this act is July 1, 2019.