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AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; ENACTING A NEW SECTION OF THE
MOTOR VEHICLE CODE TO ESTABLISH A CONCERNS OF POLICE
SURVIVORS, C.O.P.S., SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE; ALLOWING FOR
A CESSATION OF ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES UNDER
CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

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:

"SPECIAL CONCERNS OF POLICE SURVIVORS, C.O.P.S.,
REGISTRATION PLATE.--

A. The division shall issue a standardized
concerns of police survivors, C.O.P.S., special registration
plate with a logo designed pursuant to Section 66-3-424 NMSA
1978 to recognize the families and friends of law enforcement
officers killed in the line of duty.

B. For an initial fee of forty-five dollars
(\$45.00), which shall be in addition to the regular motor
vehicle registration fees, the owner of a vehicle may apply
for issuance of a concerns of police survivors, C.O.P.S.,
special registration plate. The vehicle owner shall pay a
renewal fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) each year to
retain and renew the concerns of police survivors, C.O.P.S.,
special registration plate.

1 C. The revenue from the additional fee for a
2 concerns of police survivors, C.O.P.S., special registration
3 plate shall be distributed as follows:

4 (1) ten dollars (\$10.00) of the initial fee
5 collected shall be retained by and is appropriated to the
6 department to defray the cost of making and issuing the
7 special registration plate with the concerns of police
8 survivors, C.O.P.S., logo; and

9 (2) thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) of the
10 initial registration fee and the entire thirty-five dollars
11 (\$35.00) of subsequent renewal fees shall be distributed to
12 the law enforcement protection fund.

13 D. Beginning on July 1, 2026, and on July 1 of
14 each subsequent year, the department shall compare the number
15 of concerns of police survivors, C.O.P.S., special
16 registration plates issued or registration renewals for those
17 plates in the previous fiscal year with the average of the
18 number of such plates issued in fiscal years 2024 and 2025.

19 E. By September 1 of a fiscal year in which the
20 department determines that the number of concerns of police
21 survivors, C.O.P.S., special registration plates issued or
22 registration renewals for those plates in the previous fiscal
23 year is less than fifty percent of the average number of such
24 plates issued in fiscal years 2024 and 2025, the department
25 shall stop issuing concerns of police survivors, C.O.P.S.,

1 special registration plates."

2 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
3 provisions of this act is July 1, 2023. _____

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