

1 HOUSE BILL 507

2 **57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025**

3 INTRODUCED BY

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO LICENSE PLATES; CREATING AN ALBUQUERQUE ISOTOPES
12 SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE; ALLOWING FOR THE CESSATION OF
13 SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE ISSUANCE UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; MAKING
14 AN APPROPRIATION.

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

17 SECTION 1. A new section of Chapter 66, Article 3 NMSA
18 1978 is enacted to read:

19 "[NEW MATERIAL] ALBUQUERQUE ISOTOPES SPECIAL REGISTRATION
20 PLATE.--

21 A. Beginning January 1, 2026, the division shall
22 issue a standardized special registration plate with a logo
23 designed as specified in Section 66-3-424 NMSA 1978 to express
24 support for the Albuquerque Isotopes baseball team.

25 B. For a fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00), which

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1 shall be in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration
2 fees, a motor vehicle owner may apply for issuance of an
3 Albuquerque Isotopes special registration plate. The owner
4 shall pay a renewal fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) each
5 year to retain and renew the Albuquerque Isotopes special
6 registration plate.

7 C. Revenue from the fees imposed by Subsection B of
8 this section for a Albuquerque Isotopes special registration
9 plate shall be distributed as follows:

10 (1) twelve dollars (\$12.00) of the initial fee
11 collected for each registration plate shall be retained by the
12 department and is appropriated to the department for the
13 manufacture and issuance of the special registration plates;
14 and

15 (2) the remaining portion of the initial fee
16 and the entire renewal fee collected for each registration
17 plate shall be distributed to and is appropriated to the board
18 of regents of the university of New Mexico for the Carrie
19 Tingley crippled children's hospital.

20 D. Beginning on July 1, 2031, and on July 1 of each
21 subsequent year, the department may compare the number of
22 Albuquerque Isotopes special registration plates issued and
23 renewed in the previous fiscal year with the average number of
24 such plates issued and renewed annually between fiscal years
25 2026 through 2031. If the department determines that the

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1 number of Albuquerque Isotopes special registration plates
2 issued and renewed in the previous fiscal year is less than
3 fifty percent of the average number of the plates issued and
4 renewed annually between fiscal years 2026 through 2031, the
5 department may stop issuing Albuquerque Isotopes special
6 registration plates."