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HOUSE BILL

**55TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2022**

INTRODUCED BY

DISCUSSION DRAFT

FOR THE COURTS, CORRECTIONS AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; LIMITING THE LOCATIONS WHERE A  
MOTOR VEHICLE MAY BE SOLD OR OFFERED FOR SALE; PROHIBITING THE  
SALE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE BY A NON-OWNER WHO IS NOT A MOTOR  
VEHICLE DEALER.

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

SECTION 1. Section 66-3-126 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1987,  
Chapter 250, Section 2) is amended to read:

"66-3-126. CASUAL SALES--~~[PLACE OF SALE--ADVERTISING]~~  
REGISTRATION--PENALTY.--

~~[A. No person, not a dealer, making a casual sale  
of his own motor vehicle duly registered to him shall sell the  
vehicle or offer or display the motor vehicle for sale at any  
location other than his current residence, place of employment  
or at any site where the seller of the motor vehicle has~~

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1 ~~obtained prior written permission from the land owner.]~~

2 A. Unless a person is a motor vehicle dealer, a  
3 person shall not sell more than four motor vehicles registered  
4 to the person or to another person in a calendar year.

5 B. Unless a person is a motor vehicle dealer,  
6 before the person attempts to sell a used motor vehicle, the  
7 person shall possess the title to the used motor vehicle and  
8 the motor vehicle shall be registered in the person's name.

9 ~~[B-]~~ C. Any person who violates any provision of  
10 this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished  
11 by a fine of three hundred dollars (\$300) or by imprisonment  
12 for not less than thirty days or both."

13 SECTION 2. Section 66-4-2.2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2007,  
14 Chapter 319, Section 41) is amended to read:

15 "66-4-2.2. OFF-SITE SALES.--

16 A. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a  
17 New Mexico licensed dealer shall not sell a vehicle or offer a  
18 motor vehicle for sale at a location other than the licensed  
19 dealer's established place of business, as defined in Section  
20 66-1-4.5 NMSA 1978; provided that for purposes of this  
21 subsection, a vehicle shall not be deemed offered for sale at a  
22 location other than the licensed dealer's established place of  
23 business if the vehicle is in use for a purpose other than to  
24 sell or offer the vehicle for sale.

25 ~~[A-]~~ B. A New Mexico licensed dealer, before

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1 offering a vehicle or vessel for sale at a temporary off-site  
2 location, shall apply to the department for and obtain an off-  
3 site permit. No off-site permit shall be issued to a New  
4 Mexico licensed dealer, other than a dealer in motorcycles  
5 only, for a temporary off-site location unless the dealer:

6 (1) documents to the satisfaction of the  
7 department that the dealer has offered the majority of dealers,  
8 other than dealers in motorcycles only, in the county in which  
9 the proposed temporary off-site location would be located, the  
10 opportunity to offer vehicles or vessels for sale at the  
11 proposed temporary off-site location; provided that the offer  
12 shall be for sale of vehicles or vessels at all times during  
13 which the applicant proposes to sell vehicles or vessels and  
14 shall not be conditioned upon the payment of a fee by a dealer  
15 to whom the off-site permit is addressed that is greater than a  
16 fair share of the actual expenses; and

17 (2) obtains either an original rider to the  
18 dealer's existing corporate surety bond or an original  
19 corporate surety bond in compliance with the provisions of  
20 Section 66-4-7 NMSA 1978 to cover the proposed temporary off-  
21 site location and dates of sale.

22 [~~B-~~] C. All temporary off-site locations shall be  
23 identified by prominently displayed signs identifying the names  
24 of the New Mexico licensed dealers selling vehicles or vessels  
25 at the temporary off-site location and shall be of sufficient

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1 size or space to permit the safe display of the vehicles or  
2 vessels offered for sale."

3 SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the  
4 provisions of this act is July 1, 2022.

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