

1 HOUSE BILL 474
2 57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO LICENSE PLATES; CREATING A TRAIL LIFE USA SPECIAL
12 REGISTRATION PLATE; ALLOWING FOR THE CESSATION OF SPECIAL
13 LICENSE PLATE ISSUANCE UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; MAKING AN
14 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] TRAIL LIFE USA 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 Trail Life USA.

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 a Trail
3 Life USA special registration plate. The owner shall pay a
4 renewal fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00) each year to retain and
5 renew the Trail Life USA special registration plate.

6 C. Revenue from the fees imposed by Subsection B of
7 this section for a Trail Life USA special registration plate
8 shall be distributed as follows:

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

14 (2) the remaining portion of the initial fee
15 and the entire renewal fee collected for each registration
16 plate is appropriated to the state parks division of the
17 energy, minerals and natural resources department to acquire,
18 develop, operate and maintain state parks and recreation areas.

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

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

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