

1 SENATE BILL 377

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

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; ENACTING A NEW SECTION OF THE MOTOR
12 VEHICLE CODE TO CREATE A NEW MEXICO UNITED SPECIAL REGISTRATION
13 PLATE; ESTABLISHING CRITERIA FOR A CESSATION OF ISSUANCE;
14 MAKING 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 the Motor Vehicle Code is
18 enacted to read:

19 "[NEW MATERIAL] SPECIAL NEW MEXICO UNITED REGISTRATION
20 PLATE.--

21 A. The division shall issue a standardized New
22 Mexico united special registration plate that indicates that
23 the owner of the vehicle is a supporter of the New Mexico
24 united soccer team. The plate shall have a logo designed
25 pursuant to Section 66-3-424 NMSA 1978 and shall use a format

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1 similar to the format the division uses on its chile vehicle
2 registration plates with the registration numbers and letters
3 in yellow on a field of black.

4 B. For an initial fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00),
5 which shall be in addition to the regular motor vehicle
6 registration fees, the owner of a vehicle may apply for
7 issuance of a New Mexico united special registration plate.
8 The vehicle owner shall pay a renewal fee of twenty dollars
9 (\$20.00) each year to retain and renew the New Mexico united
10 special registration plate.

11 C. The revenue from the additional fee for a New
12 Mexico united special registration plate shall be distributed
13 as follows:

14 (1) twelve dollars (\$12.00) of the initial fee
15 collected shall be retained by and is appropriated to the
16 department to defray the cost of making and issuing the special
17 registration plate; and

18 (2) thirty-eight dollars (\$38.00) of the
19 initial registration fee and the entire twenty dollars (\$20.00)
20 of subsequent renewal fees shall be distributed and are
21 appropriated to the tourism department to promote sports-
22 related tourism.

23 D. Beginning on July 1, 2028, and on July 1 of each
24 subsequent year, the department shall compare the number of New
25 Mexico united special registration plates issued or

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1 registration renewals for those plates in the previous fiscal
2 year with the average of the number of those plates issued in
3 fiscal years 2026 and 2027.

4 E. Beginning in fiscal year 2029, by September 1 of
5 a fiscal year in which the department determines that the
6 number of New Mexico united special registration plates issued
7 or registration renewals for those plates in the previous
8 fiscal year is less than fifty percent of the average number of
9 those plates issued in fiscal years 2026 and 2027, the
10 department shall stop issuing New Mexico united special
11 registration plates."

12 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
13 provisions of this act is July 1, 2025.