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HOUSE BILL 476

45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; ASSESSING A FEE TO SUPPORT
ENFORCEMENT OF THE MANDATORY FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT;
ASSESSING A FEE TO MAINTAIN A MULTI-LANGUAGE DRIVER'S LICENSE
TESTING PROGRAM

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

Section 1. A new section of the Motor Vehicle Code,
Section 66-6-6.1 NMSA 1978, is enacted to read:

"66-6-6.1. [NEW MATERIAL] ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION FEE. --
In addition to the registration fees imposed pursuant to the
provisions of Sections 66-6-2 and 66-6-4 NMSA 1978, there is
imposed a fee of two dollars (\$2.00) for each twelve-month
period for which a vehicle with a gross weight of less than
twenty-six thousand pounds is registered."

Section 2. Section 66-6-23 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978,
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1 Chapter 35, Section 358, as amended) is amended to read:

2 "66-6-23. DISPOSITION OF FEES. --

3 A. After the necessary disbursements for refunds
4 and other purposes have been made, the money remaining in the
5 motor vehicle suspense fund, except for remittances received
6 within the previous two months that are unidentified as to
7 source or disposition, shall be distributed as follows:

8 (1) to each municipality, county or fee agent
9 operating a motor vehicle field office:

10 (a) an amount equal to six dollars
11 (\$6.00) per driver's license and three dollars (\$3.00) per
12 identification card or motor vehicle or motorboat registration
13 or title transaction performed; and

14 (b) for each such agent determined by
15 the secretary pursuant to [of] Section 66-2-16 NMSA 1978 to
16 have performed ten thousand or more transactions in the
17 preceding fiscal year, other than a class A county with a
18 population exceeding three hundred thousand or any
19 municipality with a population exceeding three hundred
20 thousand that has been designated as an agent pursuant to
21 Section 66-2-14.1 NMSA 1978, an amount equal to one dollar
22 (\$1.00) in addition to the amount distributed pursuant to
23 Subparagraph (a) of this paragraph for each driver's license,
24 identification card, motor vehicle registration, motorboat
25 registration or title transaction performed;

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1 (2) to each municipality or county, other
2 than a class A county with a population exceeding three
3 hundred thousand or a municipality with a population exceeding
4 three hundred thousand designated as an agent pursuant to
5 Section 66-2-14.1 NMSA 1978, operating a motor vehicle field
6 office, an amount equal to fifty cents (\$.50) for each
7 administrative service fee remitted by that county or
8 municipality to the department pursuant to the provisions of
9 Subsection A of Section 66-2-16 NMSA 1978;

10 (3) to the state road fund:

11 (a) an amount equal to the fee
12 collected pursuant to Section 66-3-417 NMSA 1978;

13 (b) the remainder of each driver's
14 license fee collected by the department employees from an
15 applicant to whom a license is granted after deducting from
16 the driver's license fee the amount of the distribution
17 authorized in Paragraph (1) of this subsection with respect to
18 that collected driver's license fee; and

19 (c) an amount equal to fifty percent of
20 the fees collected pursuant to Section 66-6-19 NMSA 1978;

21 (4) to the local governments road fund, the
22 amount of the fees collected pursuant to Subsection B of
23 Section 66-5-33.1 NMSA 1978 and the remainder of the fees
24 collected pursuant to Subsection A of Section 66-5-408 NMSA
25 1978;

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(5) to the department:

(a) any amounts reimbursed to the department pursuant to Subsection C of Section 66-2-14.1 NMSA 1978;

(b) an amount equal to two dollars (\$2.00) of each motorcycle registration fee collected pursuant to Section 66-6-1 NMSA 1978;

(c) an amount equal to the fees provided for in Subsection D of Section 66-2-7 NMSA 1978, Subsection E of Section 66-2-16 NMSA 1978, Subsections J and K of Section 66-3-6 NMSA 1978 other than the administrative fee, Subsection C of Section 66-5-44 NMSA 1978 and Subsection B of Section 66-5-408 NMSA 1978; ~~and~~

(d) the amounts due to the department pursuant to Paragraph (1) of Subsection E of Section 66-3-419 NMSA 1978, Subsection E of Section 66-3-422 NMSA 1978 and Subsection E of Section 66-3-423 NMSA 1978;

(e) an amount equal to one dollar twenty cents (\$1.20) of each registration fee collected pursuant to the provisions of Section 66-6-6.1 NMSA 1978 for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of the Mandatory Financial Responsibility Act; and

(f) an amount equal to eighty cents (\$0.80) of each registration fee collected pursuant to the provisions of Section 66-6-6.1 NMSA 1978 for the purpose of

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1 maintaining a multi-language driver's license testing program;

2 (6) to each New Mexico institution of higher
3 education, an amount equal to that part of the fees
4 distributed pursuant to Paragraph (2) of Subsection D of
5 Section 66-3-416 NMSA 1978 proportionate to the number of
6 special registration plates issued in the name of the
7 institution to all such special registration plates issued in
8 the name of all institutions;

9 (7) to the armed forces veterans license
10 fund, the amount to be distributed pursuant to Paragraph (2)
11 of Subsection E of Section 66-3-419 NMSA 1978;

12 (8) to the children's trust fund, the amount
13 to be distributed pursuant to Paragraph (2) of Subsection D of
14 Section 66-3-420 NMSA 1978;

15 (9) to the state highway and transportation
16 department, an amount equal to the fees collected pursuant to
17 Section 66-5-35 NMSA 1978;

18 (10) to the state equalization guarantee
19 distribution made annually pursuant to the general
20 appropriation act, an amount equal to one hundred percent of
21 the driver safety fee collected pursuant to Subsection D of
22 Section 66-5-44 NMSA 1978;

23 (11) to the motorcycle training fund, two
24 dollars (\$2.00) of each motorcycle registration fee collected
25 pursuant to Section 66-6-1 NMSA 1978;

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1 (12) to the highway infrastructure fund, all
2 tire recycling fees collected pursuant to the provisions of
3 Sections 66-6-1, 66-6-2, 66-6-4, 66-6-5 and 66-6-8 NMSA 1978;

4 (13) to each county, an amount equal to fifty
5 percent of the fees collected pursuant to Section 66-6-19 NMSA
6 1978 multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the
7 total mileage of public roads maintained by the county and the
8 denominator of which is the total mileage of public roads
9 maintained by all counties in the state; and

10 (14) to the litter control and beautification
11 fund, an amount equal to the fees collected pursuant to
12 Section 67-16-14 NMSA 1978.

13 B. The balance, exclusive of unidentified
14 remittances, shall be distributed in accordance with Section
15 66-6-23.1 NMSA 1978.

16 C. If any of the paragraphs, subsections or
17 sections referred to in Subsection A of this section are
18 recompiled or otherwise re-designated without a corresponding
19 change to Subsection A of this section, the reference in
20 Subsection A of this section shall be construed to be the
21 recompiled or re-designated paragraph, subsection or section. "

22 Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. -- The effective date of the
23 provisions of this act is July 1, 2001.