AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; MODIFYING REQUIREMENTS FOR

DISPLAY OF TEMPORARY DEMONSTRATION PLATES; AMENDING A SECTION

OF THE NMSA 1978.

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

Section 1. Section 66-3-18 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978,

Chapter 35, Section 38, as amended) is amended to read:

"66-3-18. DISPLAY OF REGISTRATION PLATES AND TEMPORARY

PERMITS AND PLATES--DISPLAYS PROHIBITED AND ALLOWED.--

A. The registration plate shall be attached to the

rear of the vehicle for which it is issued; however, the

registration plate shall be attached to the front of a road

tractor or truck tractor. The plate shall be securely

fastened at all times in a fixed horizontal position at a

height of not less than twelve inches from the ground,

measuring from the bottom of the plate. It shall be in a

place and position so as to be clearly visible, and it shall

be maintained free from foreign material and in a condition

to be clearly legible.

B. Temporary demonstration plates and temporary

permits shall be firmly affixed to the inside left rear

window of the vehicle to which it is issued, unless such

display presents a safety hazard or the temporary permit is

not visible or readable from that position, in which case,

1   the temporary permit shall be displayed in such a manner that

2   it is clearly visible from the rear or left side of the

3   vehicle.

4   C.   No vehicle while being operated on the highways

5   of this state shall have displayed either on the front or the

6   rear of the vehicle any registration plate, including tab or

7   sticker, other than one issued or validated for the current

8   registration period by the department or any other licensing

9   authority having jurisdiction over the vehicle. No expired

10   registration plate, tab or sticker shall be displayed on the

11   vehicle other than an expired special registration plate

12   which may be exhibited on the front of the vehicle.

13   D.   Nothing contained in this section shall be

14   construed as prohibiting the use of a promotional or

15   advertising plate on the front of the vehicle."_____