

AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; ENACTING NEW SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 66, ARTICLE 3 NMSA 1978 TO PROVIDE FOR SPECIAL MOTOR VEHICLE AND MOTORCYCLE REGISTRATION PLATES FOR WOMEN ARMED FORCES VETERANS.

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

Section 1. A new section of Chapter 66, Article 3 NMSA 1978 is enacted to read:

"SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES FOR WOMEN ARMED FORCES VETERANS.--

A. The department shall issue the distinctive registration plate, "Women Veterans Serve Proudly", indicating that the recipient is a woman veteran of the armed forces of the United States, as defined in Section 9-22-3 NMSA 1978, or is retired from the national guard or military reserves, if that person submits proof satisfactory to the department of honorable discharge from the armed forces or of retirement from the national guard or military reserves.

B. For a fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00), which shall be in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fees, any motor vehicle owner who is a woman veteran of the armed forces of the United States or is retired from the national guard or military reserves may apply for the issuance of a special registration plate as defined in Subsection A of

this section. No two owners shall be issued identically lettered or numbered plates.

C. The fifteen-dollar (\$15.00) fee provided in Subsection B of this section shall be waived for each registration period in which a validating sticker is issued under the provisions of Section 66-3-17 NMSA 1978, in lieu of the issuance of a special woman armed forces veteran plate.

D. The revenue from the special registration plates for the women armed forces veteran fee imposed by Subsection B of this section shall be distributed as follows:

(1) seven dollars (\$7.00) of the fee collected for each registration plate shall be retained by the department and is appropriated to the department for the manufacture and issuance of the registration plates; and

(2) eight dollars (\$8.00) of the fee collected for each registration plate shall be transferred to the state treasurer for credit to the armed forces veterans license fund."

Section 2. A new section of Chapter 66, Article 3 NMSA 1978 is enacted to read:

"SPECIAL MOTORCYCLE REGISTRATION PLATES FOR WOMEN ARMED FORCES VETERANS.--

A. The department shall issue distinctive motorcycle registration plates indicating that the recipient is a woman veteran of the armed forces of the United States,

as defined in Section 9-22-3 NMSA 1978, or is retired from the national guard or military reserves, if that person submits proof satisfactory to the department of honorable discharge from the armed forces or of retirement from the national guard or military reserves.

B. For a fee of seven dollars (\$7.00), which shall be in addition to the regular motorcycle registration fees, any motorcycle owner who is a woman veteran of the armed forces of the United States or is retired from the national guard or military reserves may apply for the issuance of a special motorcycle registration plate as defined in Subsection A of this section. No two owners shall be issued identically lettered or numbered plates.

C. An owner shall make a new application and pay a new fee for each year the owner desires to obtain a special motorcycle registration plate. The owner will have first priority on that plate for each subsequent year that the owner makes a timely and appropriate application."

Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the provision of this act is July 1, 2008. _____