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AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; PROVIDING FOR ALTERNATIVE WAYS TO REGISTER OR RENEW THE REGISTRATION OF SCHOOL BUSES; SETTING FEES.

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

Section 1. A new section of the Motor Vehicle Code is enacted to read:

"SCHOOL BUS REGISTRATION--RENEWAL.--

A. A school district, another public entity or a school bus contractor may register a school bus that it owns on a permanent basis, without the requirement of renewal, at the time the school bus is initially registered with the department and issued a certificate of title or subsequent to initial registration at the next registration renewal date. The registrant shall pay the registration fee provided in Section 66-6-12 NMSA 1978. To implement this subsection, the department shall:

(1) promulgate a rule setting out the information and procedures the department may require to permanently register a school bus; and

(2) create a permanent registration validation sticker and permanent registration certificate for school buses registered pursuant to this subsection.

B. If a school district, another public entity or

1 a school bus contractor does not register a school bus that  
2 it owns as provided in Subsection A of this section, it may  
3 renew the registration of two or more school buses it owns on  
4 a common date of its choosing on an annual basis, with the  
5 registration of those buses expiring and requiring renewal on  
6 that date. The fee for the registration of school buses is  
7 provided in Section 66-6-12 NMSA 1978. To implement this  
8 subsection the department shall:

9 (1) promulgate a rule setting out the  
10 information and procedures the department may require to  
11 achieve the registration renewal of two or more school buses  
12 on a common date; and

13 (2) prorate the fee for registration of  
14 school buses as necessary to achieve the common registration  
15 renewal date.

16 C. Nothing in this section shall prevent a school  
17 district or a school bus contractor from registering a school  
18 bus that it owns pursuant to another applicable provision of  
19 law."

20 Section 2. Section 66-6-12 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978,  
21 Chapter 35, Section 347, as amended) is amended to read:

22 "66-6-12. FEES FOR SCHOOL BUSES.--

23 A. Registration fees for school buses used solely  
24 for the purpose of transportation of school children and  
25 other school activities shall be seven dollars (\$7.00) a

1 year, except that the fee for a school bus permanently  
2 registered pursuant to Subsection A of Section 1 of this 2007  
3 act is:

4 (1) for a school bus initially registered at  
5 the time an original certificate of title is issued for that  
6 school bus, a one-time fee of one hundred forty dollars  
7 (\$140); or

8 (2) for a school bus permanently registered  
9 subsequent to the issuance of the original certificate of  
10 title for that school bus, a one-time fee of one hundred  
11 dollars (\$100).

12 B. The application for registration of a school  
13 bus shall be accompanied by the certificate of the director  
14 of transportation of the public education department stating  
15 that the bus is used solely and exclusively as a school bus."

16 Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the  
17 provisions of this act is July 1, 2007. \_\_\_\_\_

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