HOUSE BILL 291

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AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; PROHIBITING REGISTRATION OR CERTIFICATION OF TITLE FOR MOTOR VEHICLES THAT DO NOT COMPLY WITH AIR EMISSIONS STANDARDS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT BOARD OR OF A LOCAL BOARD.

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

Section 1. Section 66-3-7 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978, Chapter 35, Section 27, as amended) is amended to read:

"66-3-7. GROUNDS FOR REFUSING, SUSPENDING OR REVOKING REGISTRATION OR CERTIFICATE OF TITLE. -- The division may refuse, suspend or revoke registration or issuance of a certificate of title or a transfer of registration upon the [ground] grounds that:

the application contains a false or fraudulent statement or that the applicant failed to furnish the required .175804.1

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information or reasonable additional information requested by the division or that the applicant is not entitled to the issuance of a certificate of title or registration of the vehicle under the Motor Vehicle Code;

- B. the vehicle is mechanically unfit or unsafe to be operated or moved upon the highways;
- C. a commercial motor vehicle is operated by a commercial motor carrier that is prohibited from operating the vehicle by order of a state or federal agency;
- D. the division has [a] reasonable [ground] grounds to believe that the vehicle is a stolen or embezzled vehicle or that the granting of registration or the issuance of a certificate of title would constitute a fraud against the rightful owner or other person having valid lien upon the vehicle;
- E. the registration of the vehicle stands suspended or revoked for any reason as provided in the motor vehicle laws of this state;
 - F. the required fee has not been paid;
 - G. the motor vehicle excise tax has not been paid;
 - H. the weight distance tax has not been paid;
- I. international fuel tax agreement taxes have not been paid;
- J. if the vehicle is a mobile home, the property tax has not been paid;

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K. the owner's address, as shown in the records of
the division, is within a class A county or within a
municipality that has a vehicle emission inspection and
maintenance program and the applicant has applied at an office
outside the designated county or municipality; [or]

- L. the owner is required to but has failed to provide proof of compliance with a vehicle emission inspection and maintenance program, if required in the county or municipality in which the owner resides; or
- M. the vehicle is not certified to comply with the applicable motor vehicle air emissions standards adopted by the environmental improvement board or a local board pursuant to the Air Quality Control Act."

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