

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE CODE; AMENDING THE RENEWAL OF A VEHICLE REGISTRATION BY ALTERNATIVE MEANS; PROVIDING FOR A DISCOUNT; CLARIFYING THE REVERSION STATUS OF CERTAIN FUNDS; MAKING APPROPRIATIONS.

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

Section 1. Section 66-2-7.2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2005, Chapter 20, Section 2) is amended to read:

"66-2-7.2. ROYALTIES--COMMERCIAL USERS OF MOTOR VEHICLE-RELATED DATABASES--DISTRIBUTION TO MOTOR VEHICLE SUSPENSE FUND.--The department shall remit royalties and other consideration paid by commercial users of databases of motor vehicle-related records of the department pursuant to Subsection C of Section 14-3-15.1 NMSA 1978 to the motor vehicle suspense fund to be distributed in accordance with Section 66-6-23 NMSA 1978 and Subsection F of Section 66-6-13 NMSA 1978. Royalties and other consideration paid to the department pursuant to this section are appropriated to the department for expenditure in fiscal year 2010 and subsequent fiscal years pursuant to this section. Unexpended and unencumbered balances of the amounts received pursuant to Subsection C of Section 14-3-15.1 NMSA 1978 shall not revert to the general fund at the end of any fiscal year."

Section 2. Section 66-2-16 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978,

Chapter 35, Section 20, as amended) is amended to read:

"66-2-16. ADMINISTRATIVE FEES--COLLECTION--REMITTANCE--
PAYMENT--OPTIONAL FEES--APPROPRIATION.--

A. The department and its agents shall collect an administrative fee to defray the department's costs of operation and of rendering service to the public. The fee shall be two dollars (\$2.00) for each transaction performed by an agent or the department and shall be collected in addition to all other fees and taxes imposed.

B. All sums collected by an agent or the department as administrative fees shall be remitted as provided in Section 66-2-15 NMSA 1978.

C. Administrative fees remitted by department employees shall be deposited by the state treasurer into the motor vehicle suspense fund and distributed in accordance with Section 66-6-23 NMSA 1978.

D. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsections A through C of this section, a class A county with a population exceeding three hundred thousand or municipality with a population exceeding three hundred thousand within a class A county designated as an agent pursuant to Section 66-2-14.1 NMSA 1978 shall not be paid the fee provided in Subparagraph (b) of Paragraph (1) of Subsection A of Section 66-6-23 NMSA 1978.

E. The secretary is authorized to establish by

rule fees to cover the expense of providing additional services for the convenience of the motoring public. Any service established for which a fee is adopted pursuant to this subsection shall be optional, with the fee not being charged to any person not taking advantage of the service. Amounts collected pursuant to this subsection are appropriated to the department for the purpose of defraying the expense of providing the service and for the purposes set forth in Subsection F of Section 66-6-13 NMSA 1978. At the end of a fiscal year the unexpended and unencumbered balances of the fees collected pursuant to this subsection shall not revert to the general fund but shall be expended by the department in fiscal year 2010 and subsequent fiscal years.

F. The secretary shall review, at the end of each fiscal year, the aggregate total of motor vehicle transactions performed by each municipality, county or fee agent operating a motor vehicle field office, and identify each office exceeding ten thousand aggregate transactions per year."

Section 3. Section 66-5-44 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978, Chapter 35, Section 266, as amended) is amended to read:

"66-5-44. LICENSES AND PERMITS--DURATION AND FEE--
APPROPRIATION.--

A. There shall be paid to the department a fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) for each driver's license or duplicate driver's license, except that for a driver's license issued

for an eight-year period, a fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) shall be paid to the department. Each license shall be for a term provided for in Section 66-5-21 NMSA 1978.

B. For each permit and instruction permit, there shall be paid to the department a fee of two dollars (\$2.00). The term for each permit shall be as provided in Sections 66-5-8 and 66-5-9 NMSA 1978.

C. Except for fees charged pursuant to Subsection E of this section, the director with the approval of the governor may increase the amount of the fees provided for in this section by an amount not to exceed three dollars (\$3.00) for the purpose of implementing an enhanced driver's license system; provided that for a driver's license issued for an eight-year period, the amount of the fees shall be twice the amount charged for other driver's licenses. The additional amounts collected pursuant to this subsection are appropriated to the department to defray the expense of the new system of licensing and for use as set forth in Subsection F of Section 66-6-13 NMSA 1978. Unexpended or unencumbered balances remaining from fees collected pursuant to the provisions of this subsection at the end of any fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund but shall be expended by the department in fiscal year 2010 and subsequent fiscal years.

D. There shall be paid to the department a driver safety fee of three dollars (\$3.00) for each driver's license

or duplicate driver's license, except that for a driver's license issued for an eight-year period, a fee of six dollars (\$6.00) shall be paid to the department. The fee shall be distributed to each school district for the purpose of providing defensive driving instruction through the state equalization guarantee distribution made annually pursuant to the general appropriation act.

E. The department may charge a fee of no more than fifteen dollars (\$15.00) to a person who holds a driver's license from another state and is applying for a New Mexico driver's license for the first time. The fee is appropriated to the department to defray the expense of determining whether the driver has been convicted of driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs, or equivalent crime, and determining if the person qualifies for a driver's license in this state. The fee provided in this subsection is not subject to the increase provided for in Subsection C of this section."

Section 4. Section 66-5-408 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978, Chapter 35, Section 335, as amended) is amended to read:

"66-5-408. FEES.--

A. Upon application for an identification card with a four-year term, there shall be paid to the department a fee of five dollars (\$5.00). Upon application for an identification card with an eight-year term, there shall be

paid to the department a fee of ten dollars (\$10.00). A fee shall not be charged to an applicant for an identification card if the applicant is at least seventy-five years of age.

B. The department with the approval of the governor may increase the amount of the identification card fee by an amount not to exceed three dollars (\$3.00) for the purpose of implementing an enhanced licensing system; provided that for an identification card issued for an eight-year period, the amount of the fee shall be twice the amount charged for other identification cards. The additional amounts collected pursuant to this subsection are appropriated to the department to defray the expense of the new system of licensing and for use as set forth in the provisions of Subsection F of Section 66-6-13 NMSA 1978. Unexpended and unencumbered balances from fees collected pursuant to the provisions of this subsection at the end of any fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund but shall be expended by the department in fiscal year 2010 and subsequent fiscal years."

Section 5. Section 66-6-6.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2001, Chapter 282, Section 1) is amended to read:

"66-6-6.1. ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION FEE.--For registration of vehicles subject to the registration fees imposed by Sections 66-6-2 and 66-6-4 NMSA 1978, there is imposed an additional fee of two dollars (\$2.00) for each

twelve-month period for which a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight under twenty-six thousand pounds is registered. Amounts collected pursuant to this section are appropriated to the department and may be expended in fiscal year 2010 and subsequent fiscal years for the purposes of enforcing the provisions of the Mandatory Financial Responsibility Act and for creating and maintaining a multilanguage noncommercial driver's license testing program. After those purposes are met, the balance of the registration fees collected pursuant to this section shall be used by the department to defray the costs of operating the motor vehicle division and for the purposes set forth in the provisions of Subsection F of Section 66-6-13 NMSA 1978. At the end of a fiscal year, unexpended and unencumbered balances of the amounts collected pursuant to this section shall not revert to the general fund."

Section 6. Section 66-6-13 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978, Chapter 35, Section 348, as amended) is amended to read:

"66-6-13. REDUCED FEES FOR PORTION OF YEAR--FEE INCENTIVE FOR REGISTRATION BY ALTERNATIVE MEANS--TEMPORARY PERMITS--DRIVE-OUT PERMIT--FEE.--

A. Upon a showing satisfactory to the division that a vehicle has not been operated on the highways of this state:

(1) prior to April 1 of the year in which

registration is sought, the registration fee shall be three-fourths of the annual fee;

(2) prior to July 1 of the year in which registration is sought, the registration fee shall be one-half of the annual fee; and

(3) prior to October 1 of the year in which registration is sought, the registration fee shall be one-fourth of the annual fee.

B. Upon a showing satisfactory to the division that a nonresident who is the owner of a foreign vehicle is engaged in seasonal agricultural employment in the state, the division may issue a permit valid for thirty days upon payment of a temporary permit fee of one-tenth of the annual registration fee. This fee shall be in lieu of all other fees or taxes on the vehicle.

C. Upon a showing satisfactory to the division that an unlicensed vehicle has been purchased by a nonresident for transportation out of the state, the division may issue a two-day drive-out permit for a fee of five dollars (\$5.00).

D. The provisions of Subsection A of this section shall not apply to house trailers, and the registration fees for house trailers shall be as provided in Sections 66-6-3 and 66-6-10 NMSA 1978 regardless of date of registration.

E. After the initial registration of a vehicle, if an owner of a vehicle renews the registration of the vehicle

by internet or telephone, the registration fees shall be reduced by five percent. The secretary may establish by rule requirements for or limitations on renewal of registration by internet or telephone."

F. No later than January 31 of each year, the secretary shall determine the amount of the total reduction in registration fees that resulted from renewals by internet or telephone in the previous calendar year. The secretary may request approval from the department of finance and administration to transfer an amount no greater than that total reduction in registration fees determined by the secretary, by March 1 of each year to the motor vehicle suspense fund from the balances in the department's nonreverting other state funds. The amount transferred is appropriated to the department for the purpose of distributing an amount of no more than the reduction in registration fees, as determined by the secretary, to the state road fund, municipalities and counties pursuant to Section 66-6-23.1 NMSA 1978."

Section 7. Section 66-6-23 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978, Chapter 35, Section 358, as amended) is amended to read:

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

A. After the necessary disbursements for refunds and other purposes have been made, the money remaining in the motor vehicle suspense fund, except for remittances received

within the previous two months that are unidentified as to source or disposition, shall be distributed as follows:

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

(a) an amount equal to six dollars (\$6.00) per driver's license and five dollars (\$5.00) per identification card or motor vehicle or motorboat registration or title transaction performed; and

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

(2) to each municipality or county, other than a class A county with a population exceeding three hundred thousand or a municipality with a population exceeding three hundred thousand that has been designated as an agent pursuant to Section 66-2-14.1 NMSA 1978, operating a motor

vehicle field office, an amount equal to one dollar fifty cents (\$1.50) for each administrative service fee remitted by that county or municipality to the department pursuant to the provisions of Subsection A of Section 66-2-16 NMSA 1978;

(3) to the state road fund:

(a) an amount equal to the fees collected pursuant to Sections 66-7-413 and 66-7-413.4 NMSA 1978;

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

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

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

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

(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 K and L 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;

(d) the amounts due to the department for the manufacture and issuance of a special registration plate collected pursuant to the section of law authorizing the issuance of the specialty plate;

(e) an amount equal to the registration fees collected pursuant to Section 66-6-6.1 NMSA 1978 for the purposes of enforcing the provisions of the Mandatory Financial Responsibility Act and for creating and maintaining a multilanguage noncommercial driver's license testing program; and after those purposes are met, the balance of the registration fees shall be distributed to the department to defray the costs of operating the motor vehicle division;

(f) an amount equal to fifty cents (\$.50) for each administrative fee remitted to the department

by a county or municipality operating a motor vehicle field office pursuant to Subsection A of Section 66-2-16 NMSA 1978;

(g) an amount equal to one dollar twenty-five cents (\$1.25) for each administrative fee collected by the department or any of its agents other than a county or municipality operating a motor vehicle field office pursuant to Subsection A of Section 66-2-16 NMSA 1978; and

(h) an amount equal to the royalties or other consideration paid by commercial users of databases of motor vehicle-related records of the department pursuant to Subsection C of Section 14-3-15.1 NMSA 1978 for the purpose of defraying the costs of maintaining databases of motor vehicle-related records of the department; and after that purpose is met, the balance of the royalties and other consideration shall be distributed to the department to defray the costs of operating the motor vehicle division or for use pursuant to Subsection F of Section 66-6-13 NMSA 1978;

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

(7) to the armed forces veterans license

fund, the amount to be distributed pursuant to Paragraph (2) of Subsection E of Section 66-3-419 NMSA 1978;

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

(9) to the department of transportation, an amount equal to the fees collected pursuant to Section 66-5-35 NMSA 1978;

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

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

(12) to the recycling and illegal dumping fund:

(a) fifty cents (\$.50) of the tire recycling fee collected pursuant to the provisions of Section 66-6-1 NMSA 1978;

(b) fifty cents (\$.50) of each of the tire recycling fees collected pursuant to the provisions of Sections 66-6-2 and 66-6-4 NMSA 1978; and

(c) twenty-five cents (\$.25) of each of

the tire recycling fees collected pursuant to Sections 66-6-5 and 66-6-8 NMSA 1978;

(13) to the highway infrastructure fund:

(a) fifty cents (\$.50) of the tire recycling fee collected pursuant to the provisions of Section 66-6-1 NMSA 1978;

(b) one dollar (\$1.00) of each of the tire recycling fees collected pursuant to the provisions of Sections 66-6-2 and 66-6-4 NMSA 1978; and

(c) twenty-five cents (\$.25) of each of the tire recycling fees collected pursuant to Sections 66-6-5 and 66-6-8 NMSA 1978;

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

(15) to the litter control and beautification fund, an amount equal to the fees collected pursuant to Section 66-6-6.2 NMSA 1978;

(16) to the local government division of the department of finance and administration, an amount equal to the fees collected pursuant to Section 66-3-424.3 NMSA 1978 for distribution to each county to support animal control

spaying and neutering programs in an amount proportionate to the number of residents of that county who have purchased pet care special registration plates pursuant to Section 66-3-424.3 NMSA 1978; and

(17) to the Cumbres and Toltec scenic railroad commission, twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) collected pursuant to the Cumbres and Toltec scenic railroad special registration plate.

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

C. If any of the paragraphs, subsections or sections referred to in Subsection A of this section are recompiled or otherwise redesignated without a corresponding change to Subsection A of this section, the reference in Subsection A of this section shall be construed to be the recompiled or redesignated paragraph, subsection or section."

Section 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 2009. _____