

AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; ENACTING A NEW SECTION OF THE  
MOTOR VEHICLE CODE TO PROVIDE FOR SPECIAL BASS FISHING  
REGISTRATION PLATES; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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:

"SPECIAL BASS FISHING REGISTRATION PLATES--PROCEDURES--  
FEE.--

A. The department shall establish and issue a  
standardized special registration plate with a logo specified  
in Section 66-3-424 NMSA 1978 featuring bass fishing for any  
private motor vehicle except a motorcycle. The department  
shall adopt procedures for application for and issuance of the  
special bass fishing registration plates.

B. The director of the department of game and fish  
shall designate a "bass fishing" logo design committee that  
includes a bass fishing federation representative and that  
shall determine the design of the special wildlife artwork  
logo. No personalized or vanity design variation of the  
special bass fishing registration plates shall be issued.

C. For a fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00),  
which shall be in addition to the regular motor vehicle  
registration fees, an owner of a motor vehicle may apply for

the issuance of a special bass fishing registration plate. The owner of a motor vehicle shall apply for the plate and pay the twenty-five-dollar (\$25.00) fee for the first year and ten dollars (\$10.00) for each subsequent year if the owner wishes to retain and renew the special bass fishing registration plate.

D. The revenue from the additional fee for a special bass fishing registration plate shall be distributed as follows:

(1) ten dollars (\$10.00) of the initial fee collected shall be retained by the division and is appropriated to the division to defray the cost of making and issuing special registration plates for bass fishing; and

(2) fifteen dollars (\$15.00) of the initial fee and the entire renewal fee collected shall be distributed to the bass habitat management program of the game protection fund."

Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 2010. \_\_\_\_\_