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HOUSE BILL 510

52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015

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AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; ADDRESSING THE TITLING AND
REGISTRATION OF REPLICA CARS; PROVIDING AN EXCEPTION FROM
EMISSIONS TESTING.

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:

"[NEW MATERIAL] REPLICA CAR TITLING AND REGISTRATION.--

A. As used in this section:

(1) "model year" means the year of manufacture
of the motor vehicle model or brand that a replica car most
resembles in outward appearance as described by the
manufacturer in published information; and

(2) "replica car" means a motor vehicle that
is assembled from a pre-fabricated chassis and body kit

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1 purchased from a replica car manufacturer.

2 B. On application to the department, the owner of a
3 replica car may receive a certificate of title, registration
4 and registration plate by:

5 (1) paying the appropriate current fees for a
6 motor vehicle other than a motorcycle, truck, bus or tractor;

7 (2) submitting a witnessed bill of sale for
8 the replica car or an affidavit from the owner that the owner
9 assembled the replica car;

10 (3) submitting an affidavit that the replica
11 car shall be maintained only for occasional transportation,
12 exhibitions, vehicle club activities, parades, tours and
13 similar limited uses and that the replica car shall not be used
14 for general or daily transportation; and

15 (4) providing evidence acceptable to the
16 department that the replica car meets safety and equipment
17 requirements pursuant to the Motor Vehicle Code; provided that
18 a replica car need not have equipment that was not required by
19 state or federal law in its model year.

20 C. The date of manufacture of a replica car for
21 title and registration purposes is the model year.

22 D. A replica car to be registered or currently
23 registered pursuant to this section:

24 (1) is exempt from a state or local law or
25 ordinance requiring periodic vehicle or vehicle emission

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1 inspections and testing; and

2 (2) except as provided in Paragraph (4) of
3 Subsection B of this section, is subject to Section 66-3-901
4 NMSA 1978.

5 E. Upon the transfer of ownership of a replica car,
6 the new owner shall apply to the department for a new
7 certificate of title and registration pursuant to Section
8 66-3-103 NMSA 1978."

9 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
10 provisions of this act is July 1, 2015.