

1 HOUSE BILL 543

2 **52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015**

3 INTRODUCED BY

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; ENACTING A NEW SECTION OF CHAPTER  
12 66, ARTICLE 3 NMSA 1978 TO PROVIDE FOR A LICENSE PLATE THAT  
13 PROVIDES RECOGNITION TO THOSE LIVING WITH SERIOUS MENTAL  
14 ILLNESS; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

17 SECTION 1. A new section of Chapter 66, Article 3 NMSA  
18 1978 is enacted to read:

19 "[NEW MATERIAL] SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS AWARENESS  
20 REGISTRATION PLATE.--

21 A. The division shall issue a standardized special  
22 registration plate with a logo as specified in Section 66-3-424  
23 NMSA 1978 commemorating serious mental illness awareness.

24 B. For a fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00), which  
25 is in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fees,

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1 the owner of a vehicle may apply for issuance of a special  
2 serious mental illness awareness registration plate. The owner  
3 shall apply for and pay the fee each year to retain and renew  
4 the special serious mental illness awareness registration  
5 plate.

6 C. Revenue from the additional fee for a special  
7 serious mental illness awareness registration plate shall be  
8 distributed as follows:

9 (1) ten dollars (\$10.00) of the additional fee  
10 collected shall be retained by and is appropriated to the  
11 department to defray the cost of making and issuing the special  
12 registration plate with a serious mental illness awareness  
13 logo; and

14 (2) twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) of the  
15 additional fee shall be distributed to the board of regents of  
16 the university of New Mexico for the creation or enhancement of  
17 peer and family behavioral health education and enhancement of  
18 evidence-based peer support programs at university of New  
19 Mexico hospital. The publications that are a result of the  
20 programs shall be distributed to the United States department  
21 of veterans affairs, the Indian health service, tribal  
22 behavioral health programs, in-state behavioral health not-for-  
23 profit corporations, jails, schools and prisons for no fee or a  
24 minimal fee."

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

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