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AN ACT

RELATING TO SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES; PROVIDING INCREASED
OPTIONS OF FREE SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES FOR FIFTY PERCENT
OR MORE DISABLED VETERANS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 66-3-412 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1979,
Chapter 299, Section 2, as amended) is amended to read:

"66-3-412. SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES--FIFTY PERCENT
OR MORE DISABLED VETERANS--SUBMISSION OF PROOF--PENALTY.--

A. The department shall issue distinctive
registration plates for up to two vehicles, including
motorcycles, to a person who is a veteran of the armed forces
of the United States and was fifty percent or more disabled
while serving in the armed forces of the United States, upon
the submission by the person of proof satisfactory to the
department that the person was fifty percent or more disabled
while serving in the armed forces of the United States. No
fee, including the regular registration fee applicable to the
passenger motor vehicle or regular motorcycle registration
fees, if any, shall be collected for issuance of up to two
special registration plates pursuant to this section. A
person eligible for a special registration plate pursuant to
this section and also eligible for one or more special
registration plates pursuant to any other section of the

1 Motor Vehicle Code shall be issued up to two special
2 registration plates for which the person is eligible, in any
3 combination of the person's choice free of charge,
4 notwithstanding any fee that would otherwise be charged for a
5 special registration plate.

6 B. No person shall falsely make any representation
7 as having been fifty percent or more disabled while serving
8 in the armed forces of the United States so as to be eligible
9 to be issued special registration plates pursuant to this
10 section when the person in fact was not fifty percent or more
11 disabled while serving in the armed forces of the United
12 States.

13 C. A person who violates the provisions of
14 Subsection B of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

15 D. As used in this section, "veteran" means an
16 individual who was regularly enlisted, drafted, inducted or
17 commissioned, who was accepted for and assigned to active
18 duty in the armed forces of the United States and who was not
19 separated from such service under circumstances amounting to
20 dishonorable discharge."

21 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
22 provisions of this act is July 1, 2017. _____