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HOUSE BILL 154

54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2020

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO LICENSE PLATES; REQUIRING LICENSE PLATE ISSUANCE
UPON TRANSFER OF MOTOR VEHICLE OWNERSHIP.

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

SECTION 1. Section 66-3-10 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978,
Chapter 35, Section 30, as amended) is amended to read:

"66-3-10. [~~DIVISION~~] DEPARTMENT TO ISSUE CERTIFICATE OF
TITLE [~~AND~~], EVIDENCE OF REGISTRATION, REGISTRATION PLATE AND
VALIDATION STICKER--RELEASE OF LIEN--ODOMETER STATEMENT.--

A. The [~~division~~] department, upon registration of
a vehicle, shall issue a certificate of title and evidence of
registration; an odometer statement may appear on one or both
of these documents.

B. Except for certificates of title issued pursuant
to Section 66-3-2, 66-3-27 or 66-3-423 NMSA 1978 and for

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1 manufactured homes, school buses, state government vehicles,
2 motorcycles and off-highway motor vehicles, upon issuance of a
3 new certificate of title or upon transfer of a certificate of
4 title, the department shall issue a registration plate and a
5 validation sticker to the owner of the vehicle.

6 ~~[B-]~~ C. The registration evidence shall be
7 delivered to the owner and shall contain upon its face the date
8 issued, the name and address of the owner, the registration
9 number assigned to the owner and such description of the
10 vehicle registered to the owner as determined by the ~~[director]~~
11 secretary.

12 ~~[G-]~~ D. The certificate of title shall contain the
13 identical information required on the registration evidence and
14 in addition a statement of the owner's title and of all liens
15 and encumbrances upon the vehicle.

16 ~~[D-]~~ E. The certificate of title shall contain a
17 space for the release of any lien, space for assignment of
18 title or interest and warranty by the owner and space for
19 notation of liens and encumbrances upon the vehicle at the time
20 of transfer.

21 ~~[E-]~~ F. The certificate of title shall be delivered
22 to the owner in the event no lien or encumbrances appear
23 thereon, otherwise the certificate of title shall be delivered
24 to the person named to receive it in the application for
25 certificate.

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[F-] G. Whenever the owner of a vehicle subject to registration transfers ~~[his]~~ the person's title or interest in the vehicle to a nonresident who desires to title the vehicle in the state of ~~[his]~~ the nonresident's residence, the ~~[division]~~ department upon receiving application and the payment of the proper fee shall issue a certificate of title only and record on the certificate all liens and encumbrances."

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the provisions of this act is January 1, 2021.