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SENATE BILL

55TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2021

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AN ACT

RELATING TO DRIVER EDUCATION SCHOOL SURETY BONDS; INCREASING
THE REQUIRED SURETY BOND FOR DRIVER EDUCATION SCHOOLS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 66-10-6 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1967,
Chapter 185, Section 6, as amended) is amended to read:

"66-10-6. POWERS OF BUREAU.--The bureau shall:

A. prescribe the forms and procedures necessary for
the making of applications and the licensing of driver
education schools and driver education instructors pursuant to
the provisions of the Driving School Licensing Act;

B. require periodic and annual reports from the
licensed schools on the number and types of pupils enrolled and
trained and such other matters as it deems necessary;

C. require the licensed schools to keep and

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1 maintain certain records;

2 D. prescribe forms for and supply serially numbered
3 uniform certificates of course completion to owners, primary
4 consignees or operators of courses approved by the bureau and
5 charge a fee not to exceed one dollar (\$1.00) per certificate.
6 The uniform certificates of course completion shall be printed
7 on copy resistant paper in not less than two self-copying parts
8 so as to provide a control copy of the certificate that shall
9 be retained by the course provider. Each certificate shall
10 include an identifying number that will allow the court or
11 bureau to verify its authenticity with the course provider.
12 Upon successful completion of a course, licensed schools shall
13 issue to each pupil a certificate of completion;

14 E. require each driver education school to post a
15 surety bond with the bureau in the amount of [~~five thousand~~
16 ~~dollars (\$5,000)~~] fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000);

17 F. suspend or revoke, subject to the procedures
18 prescribed in the Uniform Licensing Act, any license issued to
19 a driver education school or to a driver education instructor
20 when it is found that the licensee has failed to maintain the
21 qualifications or standards required by the Driving School
22 Licensing Act for the issuance of the initial license;

23 G. develop and adopt rules [~~and regulations~~]
24 to administer the Driving School Licensing Act and to license
25 driver education schools and instructors;

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H. set annual licensure fees for:

(1) driver education schools, not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500) per year;

(2) driver education instructors, not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100) per year; and

(3) driver education school extension locations, not to exceed thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) per year; and

I. set by ~~[regulation]~~ rule the enrollment fees that may be charged to a student by a private driver education school."