

1 HOUSE BILL 240

2 **56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2023**

3 INTRODUCED BY

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL
12 REGISTRATION PLATE TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR ACEQUIA AND COMMUNITY
13 DITCH ASSOCIATIONS; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

16 SECTION 1. A new section of the Motor Vehicle Code is
17 enacted to read:

18 "[NEW MATERIAL] SPECIAL ACEQUIA AND COMMUNITY DITCH
19 ASSOCIATIONS REGISTRATION PLATE.--

20 A. The department shall issue a standardized
21 special registration plate with a logo as specified in Section
22 66-3-424 NMSA 1978 to express support for acequia and community
23 ditch associations.

24 B. For an initial fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00),
25 which shall be in addition to the regular motor vehicle

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1 registration fees, an owner of a motor vehicle may apply for
2 issuance of a special acequia and community ditch associations
3 registration plate. The owner shall pay a renewal fee of
4 thirty dollars (\$30.00) each year to retain and renew the
5 special acequia and community ditch associations registration
6 plate.

7 C. Revenue from the fees imposed by Subsection B of
8 this section for a special acequia and community ditch
9 associations registration plate shall be distributed as
10 follows:

11 (1) ten dollars (\$10.00) of the initial fee
12 collected for each registration plate shall be retained by the
13 department and is appropriated to the department for the
14 manufacture and issuance of the special registration plates;
15 and

16 (2) twenty dollars (\$20.00) of the initial fee
17 and the entire renewal fee collected for each registration
18 plate shall be appropriated to the acequia and community ditch
19 fund."

20 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
21 provisions of this act is January 1, 2024.

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