

HOUSE TRANSPORTATION, PUBLIC WORKS AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL 287

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

AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; ENACTING A NEW SECTION OF THE MOTOR
VEHICLE CODE TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE TO SUPPORT
DRIVER SAFETY AWARENESS AND REMIND DRIVERS TO LOOK TWICE FOR
MOTORCYCLES; ALLOWING FOR A CESSATION OF ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL
LICENSE PLATES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

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

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

"[NEW MATERIAL] SPECIAL LOOK TWICE FOR MOTORCYCLES
REGISTRATION PLATE.--

A. The division shall issue a standardized look
twice for motorcycles special registration plate with a logo
designed pursuant to Section 66-3-424 NMSA 1978 indicating that
the recipient supports driver safety awareness for those who

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1 share the road and remind drivers to look twice for
2 motorcycles.

3 B. For an initial fee of forty-five dollars
4 (\$45.00) that shall be in addition to the regular motor vehicle
5 registration fees, the owner of a motor vehicle may apply for
6 issuance of a look twice for motorcycles safety awareness
7 special registration plate. The vehicle owner shall pay a
8 renewal fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) each year to retain and
9 renew the look twice for motorcycles special registration
10 plate.

11 C. The revenue from the additional fee for a look
12 twice for motorcycles safety awareness special registration
13 plate shall be distributed as follows:

14 (1) twelve dollars (\$12.00) of the initial fee
15 collected shall be retained by and is appropriated to the
16 department to defray the cost of making and issuing the special
17 registration plate with the look twice for motorcycles logo;
18 and

19 (2) thirty-three dollars (\$33.00) of the
20 initial registration fee and the entire fifteen dollars
21 (\$15.00) of subsequent renewal fees shall be distributed and
22 are appropriated to the motorcycle training fund for the
23 department of transportation to provide driver awareness
24 education and motorcycle training statewide.

25 D. Beginning on July 1, 2026, and on July 1 of each

1 subsequent year, the department shall compare the number of
2 look twice for motorcycles safety awareness special
3 registration plates issued or registration renewals for those
4 plates in the previous fiscal year with the average of the
5 number of those plates issued in fiscal years 2024 and 2025.

6 E. By September 1 of a fiscal year in which the
7 department determines that the number of look twice for
8 motorcycles safety awareness special registration plates issued
9 or registration renewals for those plates in the previous
10 fiscal year is less than fifty percent of the average number of
11 those plates issued in fiscal years 2024 and 2025, the
12 department shall stop issuing look twice for motorcycles
13 special registration plates."

14 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
15 provisions of this act is July 1, 2023.