

1 HOUSE BILL 366

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

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; AMENDING SECTION 66-3-412 NMSA 1978  
12 (BEING LAWS 1979, CHAPTER 299, SECTION 2, AS AMENDED) TO ALLOW  
13 THE ISSUANCE OF ADDITIONAL DISABLED VETERAN SPECIAL VEHICLE  
14 REGISTRATION PLATES IN EXCESS OF THE TWO PLATES PROVIDED TO  
15 QUALIFIED PERSONS WITHOUT A FEE, PROVIDED THAT THE QUALIFIED  
16 PERSON PAYS THE STANDARD PLATE AND REGISTRATION FEES FOR THE  
17 ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION PLATES.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

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

22 "66-3-412. SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES--FIFTY PERCENT OR  
23 MORE DISABLED VETERANS--SUBMISSION OF PROOF--PENALTY.--

24 A. The department shall issue distinctive disabled  
25 veteran registration plates for up to two vehicles, including

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1 motorcycles, to a person who is a veteran of the armed forces  
2 of the United States and was fifty percent or more disabled  
3 while serving in the armed forces of the United States, upon  
4 the submission by the person of proof satisfactory to the  
5 department that the person was fifty percent or more disabled  
6 while serving in the armed forces of the United States. No  
7 fee, including the regular registration fee applicable to the  
8 passenger motor vehicle or regular motorcycle registration  
9 fees, if any, shall be collected for issuance of up to two  
10 special registration plates pursuant to this section. A person  
11 eligible for a special registration plate pursuant to this  
12 section and also eligible for one or more special registration  
13 plates pursuant to the Motor Vehicle Code shall be issued up to  
14 two special registration plates for which the person is  
15 eligible, in any combination of the person's choice free of  
16 charge, notwithstanding any fee that would otherwise be charged  
17 for a special registration plate.

18 B. The department shall issue additional disabled  
19 veteran special registration plates in excess of the two plates  
20 issued without a fee pursuant to Subsection A of this section  
21 to a person who is qualified to receive disabled veteran  
22 special registration plates; provided that the person shall pay  
23 the standard plate and registration fees for the additional  
24 registration plates.

25 [~~B.~~] C. No person shall falsely make any

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1 representation as having been fifty percent or more disabled  
2 while serving in the armed forces of the United States so as to  
3 be eligible to be issued special registration plates pursuant  
4 to this section when the person in fact was not fifty percent  
5 or more disabled while serving in the armed forces of the  
6 United States.

7 ~~[G.]~~ D. A person who violates the provisions of  
8 Subsection B of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

9 ~~[D.]~~ E. As used in this section, "veteran" means an  
10 individual who was regularly enlisted, drafted, inducted or  
11 commissioned, who was accepted for and assigned to active duty  
12 in the armed forces of the United States and who was not  
13 separated from such service under circumstances amounting to  
14 dishonorable discharge."