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AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; ENACTING NEW SECTIONS OF THE
MOTOR VEHICLE CODE TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE TO
SUPPORT DRIVER SAFETY AWARENESS AND REMIND DRIVERS TO LOOK
TWICE FOR MOTORCYCLES AND CREATE A NEW MEXICO MINERS SPECIAL
LICENSE PLATE; 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:

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

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

1 to retain and renew the look twice for motorcycles special
2 registration plate.

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

6 (1) twelve dollars (\$12.00) of the initial
7 fee collected shall be retained by and is appropriated to the
8 department to defray the cost of making and issuing the
9 special registration plate with the look twice for
10 motorcycles logo; and

11 (2) thirty-three dollars (\$33.00) of the
12 initial registration fee and the entire fifteen dollars
13 (\$15.00) of subsequent renewal fees shall be distributed and
14 are appropriated to the motorcycle training fund for the
15 department of transportation to provide driver awareness
16 education and motorcycle training statewide.

17 D. Beginning on July 1, 2026, and on July 1 of
18 each subsequent year, the department shall compare the number
19 of look twice for motorcycles safety awareness special
20 registration plates issued or registration renewals for those
21 plates in the previous fiscal year with the average of the
22 number of those plates issued in fiscal years 2024 and 2025.

23 E. By September 1 of a fiscal year in which the
24 department determines that the number of look twice for
25 motorcycles safety awareness special registration plates

1 issued or registration renewals for those plates in the
2 previous fiscal year is less than fifty percent of the
3 average number of those plates issued in fiscal years 2024
4 and 2025, the department shall stop issuing look twice for
5 motorcycles special registration plates."

6 SECTION 2. A new section of the Motor Vehicle Code is
7 enacted to read:

8 "NEW MEXICO MINERS SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE.--

9 A. The division shall issue a standardized special
10 registration plate with a logo as specified in Section
11 66-3-424 NMSA 1978 commemorating New Mexico miners.

12 B. For an initial fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00),
13 which shall be in addition to the regular motor vehicle
14 registration fees, a motor vehicle owner may apply for
15 issuance of a New Mexico miners special registration plate.
16 The owner shall pay a renewal fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00)
17 each year to retain and renew the New Mexico miners special
18 registration plate.

19 C. Revenue from the fees imposed by Subsection B
20 of this section for a New Mexico miners special registration
21 plate shall be distributed as follows:

22 (1) twelve dollars (\$12.00) of the initial
23 fee collected shall be retained by the department and is
24 appropriated to the department for the manufacture and
25 issuance of the special registration plates; and

1 (2) eight dollars (\$8.00) of the initial fee
2 and the entire renewal fee collected shall be distributed to
3 the miners' hospital of New Mexico to be used for chronic
4 illness research.

5 D. Beginning on July 1, 2026, and on July 1 of
6 each subsequent year, the department shall compare the number
7 of New Mexico miners special registration plates issued or
8 registration renewals for those plates in the previous fiscal
9 year with the average of the number of those plates issued in
10 fiscal years 2024 and 2025.

11 E. By September 1 of a fiscal year in which the
12 department determines that the number of New Mexico miners
13 special registration plates issued or registration renewals
14 for those plates in the previous fiscal year is less than
15 fifty percent of the average number of those plates issued in
16 fiscal years 2024 and 2025, the department shall stop issuing
17 New Mexico miners special registration plates."

18 SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
19 provisions of this act is July 1, 2023. _____

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