

AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; PROVIDING FOR THE USE OF YEAR-OF-MANUFACTURE LICENSE PLATES FOR ANTIQUE MOTOR VEHICLES; ENACTING A SECTION OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE CODE.

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:

"YEAR-OF-MANUFACTURE LICENSE PLATES-- PROCEDURES-- FEES. -

A. The division may specially register and permit the use of year-of-manufacture license plates on motor vehicles thirty or more years old notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection B of Section 66-3-14 NMSA 1978.

B. The division shall inspect the year-of-manufacture license plate to ensure the plate is in good condition and the number on the plate is not already assigned or in use. To qualify for use, the year-of-manufacture plate shall be an authentic plate issued in New Mexico during the motor vehicle's model year.

C. For a one-time fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), which shall be in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fees, any owner of a motor vehicle that is thirty or more years old may apply to the division to use a year-of-manufacture plate on his vehicle.

D. Upon the sale or transfer of a motor vehicle bearing a year-of-manufacture plate, the plate may remain with the vehicle and be transferred to the new owner upon payment of a ten dollar (\$10.00) fee in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fees.

E. Ten dollars (\$10.00) of the fee collected pursuant to Subsection C of this section shall be retained by the department and is appropriated to the department to defray the cost of processing the special year-of-manufacture registration plates. "

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