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HOUSE BILL 745

44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999

INTRODUCED BY

James G. Taylor

AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; CHANGING PROVISIONS FOR THE
ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES.

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

Section 1. Section 66-3-419 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1990,
Chapter 46, Section 2, as amended) is amended to read:

"66-3-419. SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES FOR ARMED FORCES
VETERANS. --

A. The [~~division~~] department shall issue
distinctive registration plates indicating that the recipient
is a veteran of the armed forces of the United States, as
defined in Section 28-13-7 NMSA 1978, if that person submits
proof satisfactory to the [~~division~~] department of honorable
discharge from the armed forces.

B. For a fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00), which

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1 shall be in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration
2 fees, any motor vehicle or motorcycle owner who is a veteran
3 of the armed forces of the United States may apply for the
4 issuance of a special registration plate as defined in
5 Subsection A of this section. No two owners shall be issued
6 identically lettered or numbered plates.

7 C. The fifteen-dollar (\$15.00) fee provided in
8 Subsection B of this section shall be waived for each
9 registration period in which a validating sticker is issued
10 under the provisions of Section 66-3-17 NMSA 1978, in lieu of
11 the issuance of a special armed forces veteran plate.

12 D. Each armed forces veteran may elect to receive
13 a veteran-designation decal to be placed across the top of the
14 plate, centered above the registration number [in lieu of the
15 county designation decal specified in Subsection H of Section
16 66-3-14 NMSA 1978]. Replacement or different veteran-
17 designation decals shall be available for purchase from the
18 [division] department at a reasonable charge to be set by the
19 [director] secretary. The department shall furnish the
20 following veteran-designation decals with the armed forces
21 veteran plate to a:

- 22 (1) medal of honor recipient;
- 23 (2) silver star recipient;
- 24 (3) bronze star recipient;
- 25 (4) navy cross recipient;

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- 1 (5) distinguished service cross recipient;
- 2 (6) air force cross recipient;
- 3 (7) ex-prisoner of war;
- 4 (8) disabled veteran;
- 5 (9) purple heart veteran;
- 6 (10) atomic veteran;
- 7 (11) Pearl Harbor survivor;
- 8 (12) Navajo code talker;
- 9 (13) Vietnam veteran;
- 10 (14) Korean veteran;
- 11 (15) disabled Korean veteran;
- 12 (16) World War II veteran;
- 13 (17) World War I veteran;
- 14 (18) Grenada veteran;
- 15 (19) Panama veteran; [~~and~~] or
- 16 (20) Desert Storm veteran.

17 E. The revenue from the special registration
18 plates for the armed forces veterans fee imposed by Subsection
19 B of this section shall be distributed as follows:

20 (1) seven dollars (\$7.00) of the fee
21 collected for each registration plate shall be retained by the
22 [~~division~~] department and is appropriated to the [~~division~~]
23 department for the manufacture and issuance of the
24 registration plates; and

25 (2) eight dollars (\$8.00) of the fee

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1 collected for each registration plate shall be transferred
2 [~~under~~] pursuant to the provisions of Subsection F of this
3 section.

4 F. There is created in the state treasury the
5 "armed forces veterans license fund". A portion of the fee
6 collected for each special registration plate for armed forces
7 veterans, as provided in Subsection E of this section, shall
8 be transferred to the state treasurer for the credit of the
9 fund. Expenditures from the fund shall be made on vouchers
10 issued and signed by the director of veterans' affairs upon
11 warrants drawn by the department of finance and administration
12 for the purpose of expanding services to rural areas of the
13 state, including Native American communities and senior
14 citizen centers. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance
15 remaining at the end of any fiscal year in the armed forces
16 veterans license fund shall not revert to the general fund."

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15 has had it under consideration and reports same with
16 recommendation that it DO PASS.

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11 Yes: 12

12 Excused: None

13 Absent: None

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