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SENATE BILL 254

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

INTRODUCED BY

John Arthur Smith

AN ACT

RELATING TO VEHICLE REGISTRATION; CLARIFYING THAT THERE IS NO
MINIMUM PERIOD BEFORE A NONRESIDENT OWNER MAY REGISTER A
VEHICLE.

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

Section 1. Section 66-3-301 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978,
Chapter 35, Section 77, as amended) is amended to read:

"66-3-301. REGISTRATION BY NONRESIDENTS. --

A. Any nonresident owner of a vehicle of a type
otherwise subject to registration may use or permit the use of
the vehicle within the state for a period of one hundred
eighty days without registering his vehicle, but any vehicle
so used must display current registration plates issued for
the vehicle in the state where the owner resides.

B. Any person gainfully employed within the

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1 boundaries of this state for a period of thirty days or more
2 within a sixty-day period shall be presumed to be a resident
3 of this state.

4 C. Notwithstanding the fact of their employment,
5 the following are not required to register their vehicles if
6 they display current registration plates issued for the
7 vehicle in the state where the owner resides:

8 (1) nonresident students engaged in a full-
9 time course of study at an institution of higher learning
10 located within this state, and the vehicle displays a valid
11 nonresident student sticker issued by the institution which
12 they attend; or

13 (2) a nonresident owner gainfully employed
14 within the boundaries of this state who uses his vehicle to
15 commute daily from his home in another state to and from his
16 place of employment within this state. The provisions of this
17 paragraph apply only if the state in which the owner resides
18 extends like privileges to New Mexico residents gainfully
19 employed within the boundaries of that state.

20 D. A nonresident owner of a foreign vehicle
21 operated within this state for the transportation of persons
22 or property for compensation or for the transportation of
23 merchandise either regularly according to a schedule or for a
24 consecutive period exceeding thirty days shall register the
25 vehicle and pay the same fees as required with reference to

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1 like vehicles owned by residents of this state. This
2 subsection shall not be construed as limiting the effect of
3 validly entered reciprocal agreements between New Mexico and
4 other states [~~or of proportional registration provided for in~~
5 ~~Section 66-3-4 NMSA 1978~~].

6 E. Every nonresident, including any foreign
7 corporation carrying on business within this state and owning
8 and regularly operating in that business any vehicle, trailer,
9 semitrailer, house trailer or pole trailer within the state,
10 shall register each vehicle and pay the same fees as required
11 with reference to like vehicles owned by residents of this
12 state.

13 F. Nothing in the Motor Vehicle Code shall be
14 interpreted to require a minimum period for the use of a
15 vehicle in this state before a nonresident owner may
16 voluntarily register the vehicle. "

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8 Mr. President:

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10 Your CORPORATIONS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, to
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15 has had it under consideration and reports same with
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11 Yes: 6

12 No: 0

13 Excused: Aragon, Macias, McKibben, Rawson

14 Absent: None

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8 Mr. Speaker:
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10 Your BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE, to whom has
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11 Excused: J. G. Taylor

12 Absent: None

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