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HOUSE BILL

**56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2024**

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DISCUSSION DRAFT

FOR THE COURTS, CORRECTIONS AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; PROVIDING THE NEW MEXICO STATE POLICE DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY WITH FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$400,000) TO PURCHASE TOOLS DESIGNED TO ENGRAVE NUMBERS ONTO CATALYTIC CONVERTERS AND TO LOAN THESE TOOLS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES OR MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIR OR SERVICE SHOPS IN EXCHANGE FOR THE AGENCIES OR SHOPS PROVIDING AT NO COST TO RESIDENTS THE SERVICE OF ENGRAVING THE VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ONTO A MOTOR VEHICLE'S CATALYTIC CONVERTER; PROVIDING LOAN REQUIREMENTS; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

**SECTION 1.** [NEW MATERIAL] CATALYTIC CONVERTER ENGRAVING.--

A. The New Mexico state police division of the

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1 department of public safety shall purchase four hundred  
2 thousand dollars' (\$400,000) worth of tools designed to engrave  
3 numbers onto catalytic converters and subsequently enter into  
4 agreements with law enforcement agencies or motor vehicle  
5 repair or service shops to loan these engraving tools to the  
6 law enforcement agencies or motor vehicle repair or service  
7 shops in exchange for the law enforcement agencies or motor  
8 vehicle repair or service shops providing at no cost to New  
9 Mexico residents the service of engraving the vehicle  
10 identification number of a motor vehicle onto its catalytic  
11 converter; provided that the division shall not loan more than  
12 one engraving tool to each individual motor vehicle repair or  
13 service shop.

14 B. The loans made pursuant to this section shall:

15 (1) be for terms of no longer than twenty-four  
16 months; provided that the loans may be renewed for subsequent  
17 terms;

18 (2) maintain the New Mexico state police  
19 division as the owner of the engraving tools; and

20 (3) contain any other requirements or  
21 conditions that the New Mexico state police division deems  
22 necessary.

23 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.--Four hundred thousand dollars  
24 (\$400,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the New  
25 Mexico state police division of the department of public safety

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1 for expenditure in fiscal year 2025 and subsequent fiscal years  
2 for the purchase of tools designed to engrave numbers onto  
3 catalytic converters to carry out the provisions of Section 1  
4 of this act. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining  
5 at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the general  
6 fund.

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