

1 HOUSE BILL 360

2 **56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2023**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A
12 SPECIAL SUPPORT FOR THE NATIONAL FFA ORGANIZATION REGISTRATION
13 PLATE; PROVIDING FOR CESSATION OF ISSUANCE BASED ON NEW
14 ISSUANCE AND RENEWALS; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.
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16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

17 SECTION 1. A new section of the Motor Vehicle Code is
18 enacted to read:

19 "[NEW MATERIAL] SPECIAL SUPPORT FOR THE NATIONAL FFA
20 ORGANIZATION REGISTRATION PLATE.--

21 A. The division shall issue a standardized special
22 registration plate with a logo specified in Section 66-3-424
23 NMSA 1978 indicating support for the national FFA organization.

24 B. For a fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00), which
25 shall be in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration

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1 fees, the owner of a vehicle may apply for issuance of a
2 special support for the national FFA organization registration
3 plate. The owner shall apply and pay a fee of twenty-five
4 dollars (\$25.00) each year to retain and renew the special
5 support for the national FFA organization registration plate.

6 C. Revenue from the additional fees for a special
7 support for the national FFA organization registration plate
8 shall be distributed as follows:

9 (1) ten dollars (\$10.00) of the initial fee
10 collected shall be retained by and is appropriated to the
11 department to defray the cost of making and issuing the special
12 registration plate with the support for the national FFA logo;
13 and

14 (2) twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) of the
15 initial fee and all of the fee for retention and renewal shall
16 be distributed and is appropriated to the board of regents of
17 New Mexico state university for the New Mexico department of
18 agriculture to fund statewide programs for active national FFA
19 chapters.

20 D. Beginning on July 1, 2026, and on July 1 of each
21 subsequent year, the department shall compare the number of the
22 special support for the national FFA organization registration
23 plates issued or renewed in the previous fiscal year with the
24 average of the number of such plates issued in fiscal years
25 2024 and 2025.

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E. By September 1 of a fiscal year in which the department determines that the number of special support for the national FFA organization registration plates issued or renewed in the previous fiscal year is less than fifty percent of the average number of such plates issued in fiscal years 2024 and 2025, the department shall stop issuing special support for the national FFA organization registration plates."

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 2023.