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AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; EXPANDING WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO
RECEIVE A GOLD STAR FAMILY REGISTRATION PLATE; MAKING AN
APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. Section 66-3-424.24 NMSA 1978 (being Laws
2009, Chapter 88, Section 1) is amended to read:

"66-3-424.24. REGISTRATION PLATES--GOLD STAR FAMILIES--
SUBMISSION OF PROOF--PENALTY.--

A. The division shall issue distinctive
registration plates to the surviving parent, spouse, child or
sibling of a service member killed in an armed conflict with
an enemy of the United States upon the submission by the
person of proof satisfactory to the division that the
person's parent, spouse, child, or sibling was a service
member killed in an armed conflict with an enemy of the
United States. The submission of a United States department
of defense form 1300 or department of defense form 3 by a
surviving parent, spouse, child or sibling of a service
member killed in armed conflict with an enemy of the United
States shall be proof satisfactory to the division that the
service member was killed in armed conflict.

B. No fee, including the regular registration fee
applicable to the passenger motor vehicle, if any, shall be

1 collected for issuance of the first special registration
2 plate issued to a surviving parent or spouse of a service
3 member described in Subsection A of this section. No fee
4 other than the regular registration fee applicable to the
5 passenger motor vehicle, if any, shall be collected for
6 issuance of three additional special registration plates
7 issued to a surviving parent or spouse of a service member
8 described in Subsection A of this section.

9 C. Except as otherwise provided in Subsection B of
10 this section, a fee of ten dollars (\$10.00), which is in
11 addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee, shall
12 be collected by the division for the original issuance of a
13 special registration plate pursuant to this section. The fee
14 shall be retained by the division and is appropriated to the
15 division to defray the cost of making and issuing special
16 registration plates pursuant to this section.

17 D. The special registration plate issued pursuant
18 to this section shall be known as the "gold star families"
19 special registration plate.

20 E. The division, with the advice and consultation
21 of the gold star mothers, shall determine the color and
22 design of the gold star families registration plate and
23 provide for its issuance.

24 F. No person shall falsely claim to be a surviving
25 parent, spouse, child or sibling of a service member killed

1 in an armed conflict with an enemy of the United States so as
2 to be eligible to be issued special registration plates
3 pursuant to this section.

4 G. Any person who violates the provisions of
5 Subsection F of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

6 H. As used in this section:

7 (1) "child" includes a biological, adopted
8 or foster child, a stepchild, a legal ward or a child of a
9 person standing in loco parentis;

10 (2) "parent" includes a biological, adoptive
11 or foster parent, a stepparent or an individual who stands in
12 loco parentis to a child; and

13 (3) "sibling" includes a stepsibling and a
14 half-sibling."

15 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
16 provisions of this act is July 1, 2018.