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HOUSE BILL 221

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

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AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A
SUPPORT OF THE ALBUQUERQUE ISOTOPE BASEBALL TEAM SPECIAL
REGISTRATION PLATE; PROVIDING FOR CESSATION OF ISSUANCE BASED
ON NEW ISSUANCE AND RENEWALS; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

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

"[NEW MATERIAL] SPECIAL SUPPORT OF THE ALBUQUERQUE
ISOTOPE BASEBALL TEAM REGISTRATION PLATE.--

A. The division shall issue a standardized support
of the Albuquerque Isotopes baseball team special registration
plate with a logo designed pursuant to Section 66-3-424 NMSA
1978 indicating that the recipient supports the Albuquerque
Isotopes baseball team.

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1 B. For an initial fee of thirty-two dollars
2 (\$32.00), which shall be in addition to the regular motor
3 vehicle registration fees, the owner of a vehicle may apply for
4 issuance of a support of the Albuquerque Isotopes baseball team
5 special registration plate. The vehicle owner shall pay a
6 renewal fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) each year to retain and
7 renew the support of the Albuquerque Isotopes baseball team
8 special registration plate.

9 C. The revenue from the additional fee for a
10 support of the Albuquerque Isotopes baseball team special
11 registration plate shall be distributed as follows:

12 (1) twelve dollars (\$12.00) of the initial fee
13 collected shall be retained by and is appropriated to the
14 department to defray the cost of making and issuing the special
15 registration plate with the support of the Albuquerque Isotopes
16 baseball team logo; and

17 (2) the remaining portion of the initial
18 registration fee and the entire portion of subsequent renewal
19 fees remaining after payment of licensing fees shall be
20 distributed to the board of regents of the university of New
21 Mexico for the Carrie Tingley crippled children's hospital.

22 D. Beginning on July 1, 2027, and on July 1 of each
23 subsequent year, the department shall compare the number of the
24 support of the Albuquerque Isotopes baseball team special
25 registration plates issued, or registration renewals for those

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1 plates in the previous fiscal year, with the average of the
2 number of such plates issued in fiscal years 2025 and 2026.

3 E. By September 1 of a fiscal year in which the
4 department determines that the number of support of the
5 Albuquerque Isotopes baseball team special registration plates
6 issued and registration renewals for those plates in the
7 previous fiscal year is less than fifty percent of the average
8 number of such plates issued in fiscal years 2025 and 2026, the
9 department shall stop issuing support of the Albuquerque
10 Isotopes baseball team special registration plates."

11 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
12 provisions of this act is July 1, 2024.