

1 SENATE BILL 234

2 **54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; CREATING A SPECIAL REGISTRATION  
12 PLATE FOR SUPPORTERS OF POLLINATOR PROTECTION; MAKING AN  
13 APPROPRIATION.

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

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

18 "[NEW MATERIAL] SPECIAL SUPPORT OF POLLINATOR PROTECTION  
19 REGISTRATION PLATE.--

20 A. The department shall issue a standardized  
21 special registration plate in support of pollinator protection  
22 with a logo specified in Section 66-3-424 NMSA 1978 indicating  
23 that the recipient supports pollinator protection.

24 B. For an initial fee of twenty-five dollars  
25 (\$25.00), which shall be in addition to the regular motor

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1 vehicle registration fees, a motor vehicle owner may apply for  
2 issuance of a special registration plate as provided in  
3 Subsection A of this section. For each subsequent year, the  
4 fee shall be fifteen dollars (\$15.00) if the owner wishes to  
5 retain and renew the support of pollinator protection special  
6 registration plate.

7 C. The revenue from the fees imposed by Subsection  
8 B of this section for the support of pollinator protection  
9 special registration plate shall be distributed as follows:

10 (1) ten dollars (\$10.00) of the initial fee  
11 collected shall be retained by the department and is  
12 appropriated to the department for the manufacture and issuance  
13 of the special registration plate; and

14 (2) fifteen dollars (\$15.00) of the initial  
15 fee and the entire renewal fee collected shall be distributed  
16 to and are appropriated to the department of transportation for  
17 the purpose of funding pollinator protection activities,  
18 including roadside vegetation planting, educational signage and  
19 demonstration gardens in areas within the department's  
20 jurisdiction."