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AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; AMENDING A SECTION OF THE MOTOR
VEHICLE CODE TO CHANGE THE DEFINITION OF "ACCESS AISLE".

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

SECTION 1. Section 66-1-4.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1990,
Chapter 120, Section 2, as amended) is amended to read:

"66-1-4.1. DEFINITIONS.--As used in the Motor Vehicle
Code:

A. "abandoned vehicle" means a vehicle or motor
vehicle that has been determined by a New Mexico law
enforcement agency:

(1) to have been left unattended on either
public or private property for at least thirty days;

(2) not to have been reported stolen;

(3) not to have been claimed by any person
asserting ownership; and

(4) not to have been shown by normal
record-checking procedures to be owned by any person;

B. "access aisle" means a space designed to allow
a person with a significant mobility limitation to safely
exit and enter a motor vehicle that is immediately adjacent
to a designated parking space for persons with significant
mobility limitation and that may be common to two such
parking spaces of at least sixty inches in width or, if the

1 parking space is designed for van accessibility, ninety-six
2 inches in width, and clearly marked and maintained with blue
3 striping and, after January 1, 2011, the words "NO PARKING"
4 in capital letters, each of which shall be at least one foot
5 high and at least two inches wide, placed at the rear of the
6 access aisle so as to be close to where an adjacent vehicle's
7 rear tires would be placed;

8 C. "actual empty weight" means the weight of a
9 vehicle without a load;

10 D. "additional place of business", for dealers and
11 auto recyclers, means locations in addition to an established
12 place of business as defined in Section 66-1-4.5 NMSA 1978
13 and meeting all the requirements of an established place of
14 business, except Paragraph (5) of Subsection C of Section
15 66-1-4.5 NMSA 1978, but "additional place of business" does
16 not mean a location used solely for storage and that is not
17 used for wrecking, dismantling, sale or resale of vehicles;

18 E. "alcoholic beverages" means any and all
19 distilled or rectified spirits, potable alcohol, brandy,
20 whiskey, rum, gin, aromatic bitters or any similar alcoholic
21 beverage, including all blended or fermented beverages,
22 dilutions or mixtures of one or more of the foregoing
23 containing more than one-half percent alcohol but excluding
24 medicinal bitters;

25 F. "authorized emergency vehicle" means any fire

1 department vehicle, police vehicle, ambulance and any
2 emergency vehicles of municipal departments or public
3 utilities that are designated or authorized as emergency
4 vehicles by the director of the New Mexico state police
5 division of the department of public safety or local
6 authorities; and

7 G. "auto recycler" means a person engaged in this
8 state in an established business that includes acquiring
9 vehicles that are required to be registered under the Motor
10 Vehicle Code for the purpose of dismantling, wrecking,
11 shredding, compacting, crushing or otherwise destroying
12 vehicles for reclaimable parts or scrap material to sell."