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SENATE BILL 394

**55TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2021**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; PROVIDING A MOTOR VEHICLE  
REGISTRATION FEE EXEMPTION FOR LOW-INCOME DISABLED PERSONS.

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

SECTION 1. A new section of Chapter 66, Article 6 NMSA  
1978 is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] EXEMPTION FOR LOW-INCOME DISABLED  
PERSONS.--

A. A disabled person who is a bona fide resident of  
New Mexico and has an annual modified gross income, as defined  
in Section 62 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, of fifteen  
thousand dollars (\$15,000) or less shall be exempt from payment  
of any motor vehicle registration fees to the state on one  
vehicle owned by the person. The person claiming the exemption  
to motor vehicle registration fees pursuant to this section

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1 shall sign an affidavit attesting to the person's eligibility  
2 and shall provide an income tax return or other proof required  
3 by the secretary to verify the amount of the annual modified  
4 gross income of the person.

5 B. As used in this section, "disabled person" means  
6 a person who has:

7 (1) lost the permanent and total use of both  
8 hands, both arms, both feet, both legs, both eyes or any  
9 combination of two thereof; or

10 (2) sustained a brain injury that causes,  
11 exclusive of the contribution to the impairment rating arising  
12 from any other impairment to any other body part, a permanent  
13 impairment of thirty percent or more as determined by the  
14 current American medical association guide to the evaluation of  
15 permanent impairment."

16 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the  
17 provisions of this act is July 1, 2021.

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