

1 AN ACT  
2 RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; ENACTING A NEW SECTION OF THE  
3 MOTOR VEHICLE CODE TO CREATE A LOWRIDER CAPITAL OF THE WORLD  
4 SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE FOR CARS, TRUCKS, MOTORCYCLES AND  
5 TOW TRAILERS; ESTABLISHING CRITERIA FOR A CESSATION OF  
6 ISSUANCE; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

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

11 "SPECIAL LOWRIDER CAPITAL OF THE WORLD REGISTRATION  
12 PLATE.--

13 A. The division shall issue:

14 (1) a standardized lowrider capital of the  
15 world special registration plate for motor vehicles or tow  
16 trailers recognizing the importance of New Mexico to the  
17 lowrider history and culture of the United States. The plate  
18 shall have a logo designed pursuant to Section 66-3-424  
19 NMSA 1978 that is developed by the division in collaboration  
20 with the Espanola lowrider association; and

21 (2) a standardized lowrider capital of the  
22 world special registration plate for motorcycles with the  
23 same design as the motor vehicle plates issued in accordance  
24 with Paragraph (1) of this subsection.

25 B. For an initial fee of:

1                   (1) fifty dollars (\$50.00), which shall be  
2 in addition to the regular motor vehicle or tow trailer  
3 registration fees, the owner of a vehicle or tow trailer may  
4 apply for issuance of a lowrider capital of the world special  
5 registration plate. The vehicle or tow trailer owner shall  
6 pay a renewal fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) each year to  
7 retain and renew the lowrider capital of the world special  
8 registration plate; and

9                   (2) forty dollars (\$40.00), which shall be  
10 in addition to the regular motorcycle registration fee, the  
11 owner of a motorcycle may apply for issuance of a lowrider  
12 capital of the world special registration plate. The  
13 motorcycle owner shall pay a renewal fee of twenty dollars  
14 (\$20.00) each year to retain and renew the lowrider capital  
15 of the world special registration plate.

16               C. The revenue from the additional fee for a  
17 lowrider capital of the world special registration plate for  
18 motor vehicles and tow trailers shall be distributed as  
19 follows:

20                   (1) twelve dollars (\$12.00) of the initial  
21 fee collected shall be retained by and is appropriated to the  
22 division to defray the cost of making and issuing the  
23 lowrider capital of the world special registration plate; and

24                   (2) thirty-eight dollars (\$38.00) of the  
25 initial registration fee and the entire twenty dollars

1 (\$20.00) of subsequent renewal fees shall be distributed and  
2 are appropriated to the cultural affairs department to create  
3 and distribute materials or for the development of museum  
4 exhibits explaining the importance of lowrider history and  
5 culture to the world and New Mexico.

6 D. The revenue from the additional fee for a  
7 lowrider capital of the world special registration plate for  
8 motorcycles shall be distributed as follows:

9 (1) seven dollars (\$7.00) of the initial fee  
10 collected shall be retained by and is appropriated to the  
11 division to defray the cost of making and issuing the  
12 lowrider capital of the world special registration plate; and

13 (2) thirty-three dollars (\$33.00) of the  
14 initial registration fee and the entire twenty dollars  
15 (\$20.00) of subsequent renewal fees shall be distributed and  
16 are appropriated to the cultural affairs department to create  
17 and distribute materials or for the development of museum  
18 exhibits explaining the importance of lowrider history and  
19 culture to the world and New Mexico.

20 E. Beginning on July 1, 2028, and on July 1 of  
21 each subsequent year, the division shall separately compare  
22 the number of lowrider capital of the world special  
23 registration plates and registration renewals that were  
24 issued for those plates in the previous fiscal year for each  
25 category of motor vehicle plates, tow trailer plates and

1 motorcycle plates with the average of the number of those  
2 plates issued in fiscal years 2026 and 2027.

3 F. Beginning in fiscal year 2029, by September 1  
4 of a fiscal year in which the division determines that the  
5 number of lowrider capital of the world special registration  
6 plates and registration renewals issued for those plates for  
7 each category of motor vehicle plates, tow trailer plates or  
8 motorcycle plates in the previous fiscal year is less than  
9 fifty percent of the average number of those plates issued in  
10 fiscal years 2026 and 2027, the division shall stop issuing  
11 that category of lowrider capital of the world special  
12 registration plates."

13 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the  
14 provisions of this act is July 1, 2025. \_\_\_\_\_

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