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AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; ENACTING A NEW SECTION OF CHAPTER 66, ARTICLE 3 NMSA 1978 TO PROVIDE FOR A SHARE THE ROAD LICENSE PLATE; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

Section 1. A new section of Chapter 66, Article 3 NMSA 1978 is enacted to read:

“SPECIAL SHARE THE ROAD REGISTRATION PLATE.--

A. The division shall issue a standardized special registration plate with a logo as specified in Section 66-3-424 NMSA 1978 encouraging bicyclists and motorists to share the state’s roads and highways (“Share the Road”).

B. For a fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00), which is in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fees, the owner of a vehicle may apply for issuance of a special Share the Road registration plate. The owner shall apply for and pay the fee each year to retain and renew the Share the Road registration plate.

C. Revenue from the additional fee for a Share the Road registration plate shall be distributed as follows:

(1)ten dollars (\$10.00) of the additional fee collected shall be retained by and is appropriated to the department to defray the cost of making and issuing the special registration plate with a Share the Road logo; and

(2)twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) of the additional fee shall

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be distributed to and is appropriated to the department for the purpose of funding **[educational programs for safe shared use of the state’s roads and highways by bicyclists and motorists; providing reduced cost bicycle helmets for juveniles and the economically disadvantaged; construction of multi-use pathways, bicycle lanes, and other roadway improvements that enhance safe shared use of roads and highways; widening of roads and highways to enhance safe shared use by bicyclists and motorists].”**