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HOUSE BILL 659

45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001

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AN ACT

RELATING TO FIREARMS; REQUIRING A COMMERCIAL FIREARM CARRYING CASE FOR A LOADED FIREARM; PRESCRIBING PENALTIES.

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

Section 1. FIREARMS--COMMERCIAL FIREARM CARRYING CASE
REQUIRED--PENALTIES--EXCEPTIONS.--

- A. It is unlawful for a person to possess or carry a loaded and uncased firearm on public property, in public places, on public transportation or in a personal vehicle on public roadways. A person shall possess or carry a loaded firearm in a commercial firearm carrying case that completely encases the firearm.
- B. A person who violates the provisions of this section shall have his firearm confiscated immediately and shall be fined one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

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- D. The provisions of this section do not apply to:
- (1) law enforcement personnel who are on active duty or who are in transit to or from a duty station;
- (2) military personnel who are on active duty and who are in possession of or carrying a government-issued firearm;
- (3) a person who is using a firearm at an authorized firing range;
- (4) a licensed hunter on public property who is hunting in an authorized hunting area, during an authorized hunting period and during authorized hunting hours;
- (5) a person who is hunting an unlicensed species and who is in possession of or carrying an appropriate firearm;
 - (6) a hunting guide on an authorized hunt; or
- (7) any person authorized by law to carry a concealed, loaded firearm.
- Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. -- The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 2001.