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HOUSE BILL 220

45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2002

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AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; PROVIDING POWER TO THE DEPARTMENT  
OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO CLOSE HIGHWAYS IN EMERGENCIES.

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

Section 1. Section 66-7-11 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1987,  
Chapter 280, Section 1) is amended to read:

"66-7-11. [~~NEW MEXICO STATE POLICE~~] DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
SAFETY POWER TO CLOSE CERTAIN HIGHWAYS IN EMERGENCIES. --

Notwithstanding any rule, regulation or agreement of the state  
highway and transportation department, the [~~New Mexico state  
police~~] department of public safety, in cases of emergency  
where the condition of a state highway presents a substantial  
danger to vehicular travel by reason of storm, fire, accident,  
spillage of hazardous materials or other unusual or dangerous  
conditions, may close [~~such~~] the highway to vehicular travel

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1 until the [~~New Mexico state police~~] department of public  
2 safety determines otherwise. The state highway and  
3 transportation department shall be notified of the highway  
4 closure as soon as practicable. "

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