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AN ACT  
RELATING TO THE PUBLIC PEACE, HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE;  
CREATING A CRIMINAL OFFENSE THAT MAKES IT UNLAWFUL TO CARRY  
A FIREARM ON UNIVERSITY PREMISES; PROVIDING A PENALTY;  
ENACTING A NEW SECTION OF CHAPTER 30, ARTICLE 7 NMSA 1978.

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

Section 1. A new section of Chapter 30, Article 7 NMSA  
1978 is enacted to read:

"UNLAWFUL CARRYING OF A FIREARM ON UNIVERSITY  
PREMISES- - NOTICE- - PENALTY. - -

A. Unlawful carrying of a firearm on university  
premises consists of carrying a firearm on university  
premises except by:

- (1) a peace officer;
- (2) university security personnel;
- (3) a student, instructor or other  
university-authorized personnel who are engaged in army,  
navy, marine corps or air force reserve officer training  
corps programs or a state-authorized hunter safety training  
program;
- (4) a person conducting or  
participating in a university-approved program, class or  
other activity involving the carrying of a firearm; or
- (5) a person older than nineteen years of  
age on university premises in a private automobile or other

1 private means of conveyance, for lawful protection of the  
2 person's or another's person or property.

3 B. A university shall conspicuously post notices  
4 on university premises that state that it is unlawful to  
5 carry a firearm on university premises.

6 C. As used in this section:

7 (1) "university" means a baccalaureate  
8 degree-granting post-secondary educational institution, a  
9 community college, a branch community college,  
10 a technical-vocational institute and an area vocational  
11 school; and

12 (2) "university premises" means:

13 (a) the buildings and grounds of a  
14 university, including playing fields and parking areas of a  
15 university, in or on which university or university-related  
16 activities are conducted; or

17 (b) any other public buildings or  
18 grounds, including playing fields and parking areas that are  
19 not university property, in or on which university-related  
20 and sanctioned activities are performed.

21 D. Whoever commits unlawful carrying of a  
22 firearm on university premises is guilty of a petty  
23 misdemeanor. "

24 Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. -- The effective date of the  
25 provisions of this act is July 1, 2003. \_\_\_\_\_

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