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SENATE BILL 541

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

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AN ACT

RELATING TO THE TREATY OF GUADALUPE HIDALGO; ESTABLISHING A
DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO ADDRESS
CONCERNS RELATING TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE TREATY OF GUADALUPE
HIDALGO; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

Section 1. A new section of Chapter 8, Article 5 NMSA
1978 is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] GUADALUPE HIDALGO TREATY DEPARTMENT. --

A. The "Guadalupe Hidalgo treaty department" is
created within the office of the attorney general. The
department shall review, oversee and address concerns relating
to the provisions of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo that have
not been implemented or observed in the spirit of Article 2,
Section 5 of the constitution of New Mexico and Section 47-1-25

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NMSA 1978.

B. The department shall consist of such personnel and have such duties as the attorney general shall designate.

C. The attorney general shall report the findings and recommendations of the department to the second session of the forty-sixth legislature. "

Section 2. APPROPRIATION. -- One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the office of the attorney general for expenditure in fiscal year 2004 for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of Section 1 of this act. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2004 shall revert to the general fund.