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SENATE BILL 953

47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2005

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC AFFAIRS; CHANGING THE STATE MOTTO TO  
"ANTIQUA SUSPICE, CRASTINA ACCIPE", WHICH MEANS "RESPECT THE  
PAST, EMBRACE THE FUTURE".

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

Section 1. Section 12-3-1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1887,  
Chapter 70, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

"12-3-1. STATE SEAL--DESIGN. -- [~~SEC. 108.~~] The coat of  
arms of the state shall be the Mexican eagle grasping a serpent  
in its beak, the cactus in its talons, shielded by the American  
eagle with outspread wings and grasping arrows in its talons;  
the date 1912 under the eagles and, on a scroll, the motto,  
["~~crescit eundo~~"] "antiqua suspice, crastina accipe". The  
great seal of the state shall be a disc bearing the coat of  
arms and having around the edge the words "Great Seal of the

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1 State of New Mexico". "

2 Section 2. TEMPORARY PROVISION--PROVIDING FOR PHASE-IN.--

3 Implementation of the state motto shall be phased in over five  
4 years to allow for alterations to fixtures and materials that  
5 incorporate the state seal, coat of arms or state motto.

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