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AN ACT

RELATING TO TORTS; PROVIDING EXCLUSION FROM THE WAIVER OF IMMUNITY OF LIABILITY FOR ACEQUIA ASSOCIATION EMPLOYEES OR VOLUNTEERS; EXTENDING INSURANCE COVERAGE TO ACEQUIAS AND COMMUNITY DITCH ASSOCIATIONS.

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

Section 1. Section 41-4-13 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1977, Chapter 386, Section 10) is amended to read:

"41-4-13. EXCLUSIONS FROM WAIVER OF IMMUNITY--COMMUNITY DITCHES OR ACEQUIAS--SANITARY PROJECTS ACT ASSOCIATIONS.--All community ditches or acequias, and their public employees acting lawfully and within the scope of their duties, and all associations created pursuant to the Sanitary Projects Act are excluded from the waiver of immunity of liability under Sections 41-4-6 through 41-4-12 NMSA 1978."

Section 2. A new section of Chapter 73, Article 2 NMSA 1978 is enacted to read:

"ACEQUIAS AND COMMUNITY DITCH ASSOCIATIONS--INSURANCE COVERAGE.--Officers, volunteers and employees of acequias and community ditch associations are public employees for the purposes of the Tort Claims Act and upon request by the acequia or community ditch association shall be provided all insurance and self-insurance coverage provided by the risk management division of the general services department."