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HOUSE BILL 458

48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PROCUREMENT; LIMITING CONTRACTS FOR PUBLIC DEFENDERS.

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

Section 1. LIMITATION OF PUBLIC DEFENDER CONTRACTS.--

A. A legal entity shall not be paid in excess of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) in any twelve-month contract period for work pursuant to the Public Defender Act.

B. The limitation set forth in Subsection A of this section shall not be applied to limit the ongoing representation of a client by a legal entity once an attorney-client relationship has been established between that legal entity and that client.

C. For the purposes of this section, "legal entity" means an attorney doing business as a sole proprietor or a

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1 corporation, or two or more attorneys doing business together
2 as a partnership or corporation.

3 Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
4 provisions of this act is October 1, 2007.

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