HOUSE BILL 507

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

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AN ACT

RELATING TO TIMBER; ENACTING A NEW SECTION OF CHAPTER 68 NMSA 1978 TO PROTECT WILDLAND FIREFIGHTERS RESPONDING TO WILDLAND FIRES FROM CRIMINAL LIABILITY.

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

Section 1. A new section of Chapter 68 NMSA 1978 is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] WILDLAND FIREFIGHTERS NOT SUBJECT TO
CRIMINAL LIABILITY.--Employees or agents of governmental
entities who authorize volunteer firefighters not certified
according to national wildland firefighting standards to
respond to wildland fires shall not be subject to criminal
liability for allowing those volunteer firefighters to engage
in firefighting activities."