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HOUSE BILL 620

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

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AN ACT

RELATING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE; INCREASING PENALTIES FOR BATTERY AGAINST A HOUSEHOLD MEMBER AND AGGRAVATED BATTERY AGAINST A HOUSEHOLD MEMBER; REQUIRING OFFENDERS TO PARTICIPATE IN AND COMPLETE A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENDER TREATMENT PROGRAM.

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

Section 1. Section 30-3-15 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1995, Chapter 221, Section 6, as amended) is amended to read:

"30-3-15. BATTERY AGAINST A HOUSEHOLD MEMBER.--

A. Battery against a household member consists of the unlawful, intentional touching or application of force to the person of a household member, when done in a rude, insolent or angry manner.

B. Whoever commits battery against a household member is:

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1 (1) for a first offense, guilty of a
2 misdemeanor;

3 (2) for a second offense, guilty of a
4 misdemeanor and, as part of the sentence, shall be imprisoned
5 for a term of at least forty-eight hours that shall not be
6 suspended, deferred or taken under advisement;

7 (3) for a third offense, guilty of a
8 misdemeanor and, as part of the sentence, shall be imprisoned
9 for a term of at least thirty days that shall not be suspended,
10 deferred or taken under advisement; or

11 (4) for a fourth or subsequent offense, guilty
12 of a fourth degree felony and, as part of the sentence, shall
13 be imprisoned for a term of at least six months that shall not
14 be suspended, deferred or taken under advisement.

15 C. Upon conviction pursuant to this section, an
16 offender shall be required to participate in and complete a
17 domestic violence offender treatment program that includes the
18 components set forth in Subsection D of Section 34-15-2 NMSA
19 1978. The requirement imposed pursuant to this subsection
20 shall not be suspended, deferred or taken under advisement.

21 D. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the
22 contrary, if an offender's sentence was suspended or deferred
23 in whole or in part, the period of probation may extend beyond
24 three hundred sixty-four days but may not exceed three hundred
25 sixty-four days plus ninety days."

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1 Section 2. Section 30-3-16 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1995,
2 Chapter 221, Section 7) is amended to read:

3 "30-3-16. AGGRAVATED BATTERY AGAINST A HOUSEHOLD
4 MEMBER.--

5 A. Aggravated battery against a household member
6 consists of the unlawful touching or application of force to
7 the person of a household member with intent to injure that
8 person or another.

9 B. Whoever commits aggravated battery against a
10 household member by inflicting an injury to that person that is
11 not likely to cause death or great bodily harm, but that does
12 cause painful temporary disfigurement or temporary loss or
13 impairment of the functions of any member or organ of the body,
14 is:

15 (1) for a first offense, guilty of a
16 misdemeanor;

17 (2) for a second offense, guilty of a
18 misdemeanor and, as part of the sentence, shall be imprisoned
19 for a term of at least forty-eight hours that shall not be
20 suspended, deferred or taken under advisement;

21 (3) for a third offense, guilty of a
22 misdemeanor and, as part of the sentence, shall be imprisoned
23 for a term of at least thirty days that shall not be suspended,
24 deferred or taken under advisement; or

25 (4) for a fourth or subsequent offense, guilty

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1 of a fourth degree felony and, as part of the sentence, shall
2 be imprisoned for a term of at least six months that shall not
3 be suspended, deferred or taken under advisement.

4 C. Whoever commits aggravated battery against a
5 household member by inflicting great bodily harm or doing so
6 with a deadly weapon or doing so in any manner whereby great
7 bodily harm or death can be inflicted is guilty of a third
8 degree felony.

9 D. Upon conviction pursuant to Subsection B of this
10 section, an offender shall be required to participate in and
11 complete an approved domestic violence offender treatment
12 program that includes the components set forth in Subsection D
13 of Section 34-15-2 NMSA 1978. The requirement imposed pursuant
14 to this subsection shall not be suspended, deferred or taken
15 under advisement.

16 E. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the
17 contrary, if a sentence imposed pursuant to Subsection B of
18 this section is suspended or deferred in whole or in part, the
19 period of probation may extend beyond three hundred sixty-four
20 days but may not exceed three hundred sixty-four days plus
21 ninety days."

22 Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
23 provisions of this act is July 1, 2007.