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

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AN ACT

RELATING TO EMBEZZLEMENT; ALLOWING A TWELVE-MONTH AGGREGATION OF INCIDENTS OF EMBEZZLEMENT TO DETERMINE PENALTY.

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

Section 1. Section 30-16-8 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1963, Chapter 303, Section 16-7, as amended) is amended to read:

"30-16-8. EMBEZZLEMENT.--

- Embezzlement consists of a person embezzling or converting to the person's own use anything of value, with which the person has been entrusted, with fraudulent intent to deprive the owner thereof. [Each separate incident of embezzlement or conversion constitutes a separate and distinct offense.
- Whoever commits embezzlement when the value of В. the thing embezzled or converted is two hundred fifty dollars

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(\$250) or less in any consecutive twelve-month period is guilty of a petty misdemeanor.

- Whoever commits embezzlement when the value of the thing embezzled or converted is over two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) but not more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in any consecutive twelve-month period is guilty of a misdemeanor.
- Whoever commits embezzlement when the value of the thing embezzled or converted is over five hundred dollars (\$500) but not more than two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) in any consecutive twelve-month period is guilty of a fourth degree felony.
- Whoever commits embezzlement when the value of the thing embezzled or converted is over two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) but not more than twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) in any consecutive twelve-month period is guilty of a third degree felony.
- Whoever commits embezzlement when the value of the thing embezzled or converted exceeds twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) in any consecutive twelve-month period is guilty of a second degree felony."
- Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. -- The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 2007.