

1 SENATE BILL 215

2 **48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO THE TOURISM DEPARTMENT; CREATING THE SPORTS
12 AUTHORITY DIVISION OF THE TOURISM DEPARTMENT; DEFINING ITS
13 POWERS AND DUTIES; CONFORMING THE LAW TO THE CURRENT STRUCTURE
14 OF THE TOURISM DEPARTMENT; REPEALING THE NEW MEXICO SPORTS
15 AUTHORITY ACT.

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

18 Section 1. Section 9-15A-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1991,
19 Chapter 21, Section 3, as amended) is amended to read:

20 "9-15A-3. DEPARTMENT ESTABLISHED.--~~[There is created in~~
21 ~~the executive branch]~~ The "tourism department" is created in
22 the executive branch. The department shall be a cabinet
23 department and shall consist of, but not be limited to, ~~[three]~~
24 six divisions as follows:

25 A. the ~~[travel and marketing]~~ promotion division;

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- 1 B. the New Mexico magazine division; [~~and~~]
- 2 C. the sports authority division;
- 3 D. the tourism development division;
- 4 E. the marketing division; and
- 5 [~~G.~~] F. the administrative services division."

6 Section 2. A new section of the Tourism Department Act is
7 enacted to read:

8 "[NEW MATERIAL] DUTIES OF THE SPORTS AUTHORITY DIVISION.--

9 A. The sports authority division of the department
10 shall:

11 (1) develop an overall strategic plan for
12 recruiting and retaining all forms of professional and amateur
13 sporting events;

14 (2) identify existing infrastructure for
15 sporting activities, identify and propose future infrastructure
16 and locations and identify opportunities for private and public
17 partnerships on infrastructure;

18 (3) foster relationships between sporting
19 event organizers and event sponsors; and

20 (4) foster relationships among state and local
21 agencies and provide advice and direction needed to increase
22 the number and quality of sporting events held in New Mexico.

23 B. The sports authority division may promulgate
24 rules as necessary to:

25 (1) provide additional professional and

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1 amateur sports participation by New Mexico residents;

2 (2) provide for the welfare of participants in
3 sporting events;

4 (3) provide for adequate safety measures for
5 and ethical operation of sporting events;

6 (4) recruit and maintain professional and
7 amateur sporting events to be held in New Mexico; and

8 (5) address the fiscal and tax implications of
9 Paragraphs (1) through (4) of this subsection."

10 Section 3. TEMPORARY PROVISION--TRANSFER OF PERSONNEL,
11 PROPERTY, CONTRACTS AND REFERENCES IN LAW.--On the effective
12 date of this act:

13 A. all functions, personnel, appropriations, money,
14 records, equipment, supplies and other property of the New
15 Mexico sports authority shall be transferred to the sports
16 authority division of the tourism department;

17 B. all contracts of the New Mexico sports authority
18 shall be binding and effective on the sports authority division
19 of the tourism department; and

20 C. all references in law to the New Mexico sports
21 authority shall be deemed to be references to the sports
22 authority division of the tourism department.

23 Section 4. REPEAL.--Sections 9-15B-1 through 9-15B-6 NMSA
24 1978 (being Laws 2005, Chapter 197, Sections 1 through 6) are
25 repealed.

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