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AN ACT

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

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

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

"9-15A-3. DEPARTMENT ESTABLISHED.--The "tourism  
department" is created in the executive branch. The  
department shall be a cabinet department and shall consist  
of, but not be limited to, six divisions as follows:

- A. the promotion division;
- B. the New Mexico magazine division;
- C. the sports authority division;
- D. the tourism development division;
- E. the marketing division; and
- F. the administrative services division."

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

"DUTIES OF THE SPORTS AUTHORITY DIVISION.--

A. The sports authority division of the department  
shall:

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

4 (2) identify existing infrastructure for  
5 sporting activities and identify opportunities for private  
6 and public partnerships on infrastructure;

7 (3) foster relationships between sporting  
8 event organizers and event sponsors; and

9 (4) foster relationships among state and  
10 local agencies and provide advice and direction needed to  
11 increase the number and quality of sporting events held in  
12 New Mexico.

13 B. The sports authority division may promulgate  
14 rules as necessary to:

15 (1) provide additional professional and  
16 amateur sports participation by New Mexico residents;

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

19 (3) provide for adequate safety measures for  
20 and ethical operation of sporting events;

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

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

25 Section 3. A new section of the Tourism Department Act

1 is enacted to read:

2 "SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.--

3 A. The "sports advisory committee" is created to  
4 advise and support the sports authority division of the  
5 department.

6 B. The sports advisory committee consists of  
7 twenty-five members of the public appointed by the governor  
8 and six ex-officio voting members as follows:

- 9 (1) the superintendent of regulation and  
10 licensing;
- 11 (2) the secretary of economic development;
- 12 (3) the secretary of tourism;
- 13 (4) the secretary of taxation and revenue;
- 14 (5) the chief counsel to the governor; and
- 15 (6) the governor's deputy chief of staff for  
16 legislative affairs.

17 C. An ex-officio member may designate in writing  
18 another person to attend meetings of the committee and to the  
19 same extent and with the same effect act in the ex-officio  
20 member's stead.

21 D. Public members shall be appointed for four-year  
22 terms expiring on January 1 and shall serve at the pleasure  
23 of the governor. Members serve until their successors have  
24 been appointed and qualified. The governor may fill any  
25 vacancies on the committee for the remainder of an unexpired

1 term.

2 E. The committee shall have two co-chairs  
3 appointed by the governor, one of whom shall be an ex-officio  
4 member and one of whom shall be a public member. The  
5 committee may elect such other officers as it deems necessary  
6 to carry out its duties.

7 F. Public members of the committee shall receive  
8 per diem and mileage as provided for nonsalaried public  
9 officers in the Per Diem and Mileage Act and shall receive no  
10 other compensation, perquisite or allowance.

11 G. Representation on the committee shall resemble  
12 the demographics of New Mexico in conjunction with the three  
13 congressional districts."

14 Section 4. TEMPORARY PROVISION--TRANSFER OF PERSONNEL,  
15 PROPERTY, CONTRACTS AND REFERENCES IN LAW.--On the effective  
16 date of this act:

17 A. all functions, personnel, appropriations,  
18 money, records, equipment, supplies and other property of the  
19 New Mexico sports authority shall be transferred to the  
20 sports authority division of the tourism department;

21 B. all contracts of the New Mexico sports  
22 authority shall be binding and effective on the sports  
23 authority division of the tourism department; and

24 C. all references in law to the New Mexico sports  
25 authority shall be deemed to be references to the sports

1 authority division of the tourism department.

2 Section 5. REPEAL.--Sections 9-15B-1 through 9-15B-6  
3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2005, Chapter 197, Sections 1 through 6)  
4 are repealed. \_\_\_\_\_

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