HOUSE BILL 227

50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2011

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AN ACT

RELATING TO LICENSES; ALLOWING ELECTRONIC RECORDS OF COLLECTION

AGENCIES TO BE MAINTAINED AT A LOCATION WHERE A COLLECTION

AGENCY REGULARLY MAINTAINS ITS RECORDS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 61-18A-14 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1987, Chapter 252, Section 14) is amended to read:

"61-18A-14. LICENSE TO FOREIGN CORPORATION OR
PARTNERSHIP.--No collection agency license shall be issued to
any foreign corporation or partnership unless it has fully
complied with the laws of the state of New Mexico so as to
entitle it to do business [within this] in the state; [and]
provided [further] that [such] the foreign corporation or
partnership shall establish and maintain a [full time bona
fide] collection agency in [this state] New Mexico at all times

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during the life of any $\underline{\text{collection agency}}$ license issued to [$\frac{\text{it}}{}$]
the foreign corporation or partnership. All records of [such
<pre>local) the collection agency [must] located in New Mexico shall</pre>
be maintained at the <u>collection agency's</u> principal office in
New Mexico [of such agency] unless the collection agency
records are maintained electronically, in which case,
electronic records may be maintained at a location where the
collection agency regularly maintains records."

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