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HOUSE BILL 568

**51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO VIOLENT FELONIES; REQUIRING A PRELIMINARY HEARING  
FOR VIOLENT FELONIES.

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

SECTION 1. A new section of Chapter 31 NMSA 1978 is  
enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] VIOLENT FELONY--PRELIMINARY HEARING  
REQUIRED.--If the state believes there may be probable cause to  
charge a person with a violent felony, the prosecuting attorney  
shall present evidence in a preliminary hearing before the  
district court in whose jurisdiction the incident occurred."

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the  
provisions of this act is July 1, 2013.

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