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AN ACT

RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE; AMENDING A SECTION OF CHAPTER
31 NMSA 1978 TO RAISE COSTS TO DEFENDANTS FOR THEIR
PROBATION.

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

SECTION 1. Section 31-20-5.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws
2000, Chapter 49, Section 1) is amended to read:

"31-20-5.1. MISDEMEANOR COMPLIANCE PROGRAMS--COUNTIES
MAY ESTABLISH--FEES.--

A. A county may create a "misdemeanor compliance
program" to monitor defendants' compliance with the
conditions of probation imposed by a district or magistrate
court. The program shall be limited to participation by
persons who have been convicted of a misdemeanor criminal
offense specified in the Criminal Code, convicted of driving
while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs or
convicted of driving while the person's driver's license is
suspended or revoked pursuant to the Motor Vehicle Code. A
county's program shall comply with guidelines established by
the administrative office of the courts.

B. As a condition of probation, the district or
magistrate court may require the defendant to pay a fee of
not less than fifteen dollars (\$15.00) nor more than fifty
dollars (\$50.00) per month to the county for a public

1 probation program for the term of the defendant's probation.

2 Money collected by the county pursuant to this subsection

3 shall be used only to operate the misdemeanor compliance

4 program."

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