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AN ACT

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; REORGANIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; PLACING THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION AND THE MOTOR TRANSPORTATION DIVISION UNDER THE NEW MEXICO STATE POLICE DIVISION; CHANGING THE NAME OF THE TRAINING AND RECRUITING DIVISION TO THE NEW MEXICO LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY; AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF "STATE POLICE MEMBER" IN THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ACT; RECONCILING PENALTIES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 9-19-4 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1987, Chapter 254, Section 4, as amended) is amended to read:

"9-19-4. DEPARTMENT ESTABLISHED.--There is created in the executive branch the "department of public safety". The department shall be a cabinet department and shall consist of, but not be limited to [five program divisions, an

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- A. the New Mexico state police division;
- [B. the special investigations division;
- C. the training and recruiting division
- B. the New Mexico law enforcement academy;
- [Đ.] C. the technical support division;
- $[E_{\bullet}]$ D. the administrative services division;
- [F. the motor transportation division] and
- [G.] E. the information technology division."
- SECTION 2. Section 9-19-6 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1987, Chapter 254, Section 6, as amended) is amended to read:
 - "9-19-6. SECRETARY--DUTIES AND GENERAL POWERS.--
- A. The secretary is responsible to the governor for the operation of the department. It is [his] the secretary's duty to manage all operations of the department and to administer and enforce the laws with which [he] the secretary or the department is charged.
- B. To perform [his] the secretary's duties, the secretary has every power expressly enumerated in the laws, whether granted to the secretary or the department or any division of the department, except where authority conferred upon any division is explicitly exempted from the secretary's authority by statute. In accordance with these provisions, the secretary shall:

- (1) except as otherwise provided in the Department of Public Safety Act, exercise general supervisory and appointing authority over all department employees, subject to any applicable personnel laws and regulations [provided that the secretary shall not reduce positions for the seventy-sixth fiscal year budgeted in the General Appropriation Act of 1987 except for cause, by attrition or by occurrence of a vacancy];
 - (2) delegate authority to subordinates as [he] the secretary deems necessary and appropriate, clearly delineating such delegated authority and the limitations thereto;
 - (3) organize the department into those organizational units [he] the secretary deems will enable it to function most efficiently, subject to any provisions of law requiring or establishing specific organizational units;
 - (4) within the limitations of available appropriations and applicable laws, employ and fix the compensation of those persons necessary to discharge [his] the secretary's duties;
 - orders and instructions, not inconsistent with the law, to assure implementation of and compliance with the provisions of law with the administration or execution of which [he] the secretary is responsible and to enforce those orders and instructions by appropriate administrative action [or actions]

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- safety for purposes of possible transfer to the department;

 (7) provide courses of instruction and
 practical training for employees of the department and other
- persons involved in the administration of programs with the objective of improving the operations and efficiency of
- 10 administration;
 - (8) prepare an annual budget of the department;
 - (9) provide cooperation, at the request of heads of administratively attached agencies, in order to:
 - (a) minimize or eliminate duplication of services and jurisdictional conflicts;
 - (b) coordinate activities and resolve problems of mutual concern; and
 - (c) resolve by agreement the manner and extent to which the department shall provide budgeting, recordkeeping and related clerical assistance to administratively attached agencies, if any;
 - (10) appoint, with the governor's consent, for each division, a director. These appointed positions are exempt from the provisions of the Personnel Act. Persons

appointed to these positions shall serve at the pleasure of the secretary;

- (11) appoint the director of the New Mexico law enforcement academy, subject to the approval of the New Mexico law enforcement academy board;
- (12) give bond in the penal sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) and require directors to each give bond in the penal sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), conditioned upon the faithful performance of duties as provided in the Surety Bond Act, with the department paying the cost of such bonds; and
- (13) require performance bonds of such employees and officers as [he] the secretary deems necessary as provided in the Surety Bond Act, with the department paying the costs of such bonds.
- C. The secretary may apply for and receive, with the governor's approval, in the name of the department, any public or private funds, including but not limited to United States government funds, available to the department to carry out its programs, duties or services.
- D. Where functions of departments overlap or a function assigned to one department could better be performed by another department, the secretary may recommend appropriate legislation to the next session of the legislature for its approval.

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The secretary may make and adopt such reasonable Ε. and procedural rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the duties of the department and its divisions. No rule or regulation promulgated by the director of any division in carrying out the functions and duties of the division shall be effective until approved by the secretary unless otherwise provided by statute. Nothing in this section erodes or changes the powers and duties of the law enforcement academy board as set forth in Sections 29-7-3 and 29-7-4 NMSA 1978. Unless otherwise provided by statute, no regulation affecting any person or agency outside the department shall be adopted, amended or repealed without a public hearing on the proposed action before the secretary or a hearing officer designated by [him] the secretary. The public hearing shall be held in Santa Fe unless otherwise permitted by statute. Notice of the subject matter of the regulation, the action proposed to be taken, the time and place of the hearing, the manner in which interested persons may present their views and the method by which copies of the proposed regulation, proposed amendment or repeal of an existing regulation may be obtained shall be published once at least thirty days prior to the hearing date in a newspaper of general circulation in the state and mailed at least thirty days prior to the hearing date to all persons who have made a written request for advance notice of hearing.

F. All rules and regulations shall be filed in

accordance with the State Rules Act."

SECTION 3. Section 9-19-7 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1987, Chapter 254, Section 7, as amended) is amended to read:

"9-19-7. ORGANIZATIONAL UNITS OF DEPARTMENT--POWERS AND DUTIES SPECIFIED BY LAW--ACCESS TO INFORMATION.--

A. The organizational units of the department and the officers of those units specified by law shall have all the powers and duties enumerated in the specific laws involved. However, the carrying out of those powers and duties shall be subject to the direction and supervision of the secretary, who shall retain the final decision-making authority and responsibility for the administration of any such laws as provided in Subsection B of Section 9-19-6 NMSA 1978. The department shall have access to all records, data and information of other state departments, agencies and institutions, including its own organizational units, not specifically held confidential by law.

B. The New Mexico state police division shall consist of the commissioned officers and civilian personnel [including all communications equipment operators] of the New Mexico state police [uniform division and the commissioned officers and civilian personnel of the New Mexico state police criminal division] and such other personnel as may be assigned by the secretary or by the governor pursuant to an executive order as authorized in the Department of Public Safety Act.

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The New Mexico state police division shall also include:

[C.] (1) the special investigations [division] unit, which shall consist of the enforcement personnel of the [department of alcoholic beverage control] former special investigations division and [such other] civilian personnel as may be assigned by the secretary or by the governor pursuant to an executive order as authorized in the Department of Public Safety Act. The [division] unit is responsible for the enforcement of the New Mexico Bingo and Raffle Act and the Liquor Control Act;

(2) the training and recruiting bureau, which shall consist of the personnel of the New Mexico state police training division and all civilian personnel and functions of the department as the secretary may transfer to the bureau;

(3) the motor transportation police bureau, which shall consist of the enforcement and civilian personnel of the former motor transportation division. The bureau is responsible for enforcing the Motor Carrier Act, the Motor Transportation Act, the Motor Vehicle Code and the Criminal Code; and

(4) civilian employees of the former motor transportation division or the former special investigations division, who shall be subject to the provisions of the Personnel Act.

C. The New Mexico law enforcement academy shall .200933.2

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- The technical support division shall consist of D. functions such as [communications] crime laboratory and records.
- [E. The training and recruiting division shall consist of the personnel of the New Mexico law enforcement academy, the New Mexico state police training division and all other training personnel and functions of the department as the secretary may transfer to this division.
- F.] E. The administrative services division shall consist of the administrative services [and services divisions of the New Mexico state police and those administrative support personnel of the other existing departments, divisions or offices] as the secretary deems necessary.
- F. The information technology division shall consist of such functions as computer and technology support as the secretary deems necessary."
- **SECTION 4.** Section 29-2-1.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1987, Chapter 254, Section 18, as amended) is amended to read:
 - "29-2-1.1. DEFINITIONS.--As used in Chapter 29 NMSA 1978:
- "chief" or "chief of the state police" means the director of the New Mexico state police division of the department;
- "commission" means the public safety advisory .200933.2

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- C. "department" means the department of public
 safety;
- D. "member of the New Mexico state police" means a commissioned officer of the New Mexico state police, <u>including</u> an officer who is certified and commissioned as of June 30, 2015 in the former motor transportation division or the former special investigations division;
- E. "New Mexico law enforcement academy" or "academy" means a [bureau of the training and recruiting] division of the department [of public safety] established pursuant to the Law Enforcement Training Act;
- F. "New Mexico state police" means the New Mexico state police division of the department; and
- [G. "New Mexico state police board" or "board" means the secretary of public safety; and
- $_{\mbox{H-}}$] $_{\mbox{G.}}$ "secretary" means the secretary of public safety."
- SECTION 5. Section 29-2-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1941, Chapter 147, Section 3, as amended) is amended to read:
- "29-2-3. NEW MEXICO STATE POLICE--ORGANIZATION.--The New Mexico state police shall consist of a chief <u>and</u> such [patrolmen] patrol officers, sergeants, lieutenants and captains as the [New Mexico state police board] <u>secretary</u> may deem advisable within the limits of the funds appropriated for .200933.2

the New Mexico state police; provided [however] that the number of captains, lieutenants and sergeants shall not exceed twenty-five percent of the total number of the police, exclusive of the chief; but this requirement shall not be interpreted so as to require the demotion of any member of the previous state police division, [of the criminal justice department] the former motor transportation division or the former special investigations division."

SECTION 6. Section 29-2-4 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1941, Chapter 147, Section 4, as amended) is amended to read:

"29-2-4. APPOINTMENTS--REMOVAL.--The chief of the New Mexico state police shall be appointed by the [New Mexico state police board] secretary. All [patrolmen] patrol officers and other officers and all civilian employees shall be appointed by the chief."

SECTION 7. Section 29-2-4.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1979, Chapter 202, Section 16) is amended to read:

"29-2-4.1. RULES [AND REGULATIONS].--The [New Mexico state police board] secretary shall promulgate rules [and regulations] governing employment and operating practices and related matters for employees of the New Mexico state police."

SECTION 8. Section 29-2-6 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1941, Chapter 147, Section 6, as amended) is amended to read:

"29-2-6. QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS.--

A. Members of the New Mexico state police, except .200933.2

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- (1) at the time of their appointment, be citizens of the United States;
- (2) at the time of their appointment, have reached twenty-one years of age;
- (3) except as otherwise provided in Subsection B of this section, at the time of their appointment, have completed at least sixty hours of college credit or have had two years of military or law enforcement service. This requirement shall not apply to officers who are certified and commissioned as of June 30, 2015 in the former motor transportation division or the former special investigations division;
- (4) be of good moral character and not have been convicted of a felony or infamous crime in the courts of this state or other state or any country or in the federal courts; and
- (5) pass a physical examination <u>that</u> the New Mexico state police may require.
- B. Notwithstanding the requirement of Paragraph (3) of Subsection A of this section, the chief may appoint a member of the New Mexico state police who has at least thirty hours of college credit, and the chief shall determine an appropriate time period after appointment for the member to complete the additional thirty hours of college credit required. This

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provision shall not apply to officers who are certified and commissioned as of June 30, 2015 in the former motor transportation division or the former special investigations division.

[C. A person shall not be commissioned a member of the New Mexico state police who is related by blood or marriage within the fourth degree to a member of the public safety advisory commission.]"

SECTION 9. Section 29-2-7 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1941, Chapter 147, Section 7, as amended) is amended to read:

"29-2-7. COMMISSIONED OFFICERS--APPLICATION--PROCEDURE.-The New Mexico state police shall cause all applicants for the position of commissioned officer to submit a written detailed application on [such] forms as the [board] secretary shall prescribe, and the [board] secretary shall cause an investigation to be made of all applicants, subsequent to their taking the examination [hereinafter] referred to in Section 29-2-8 NMSA 1978, for the purpose of determining the moral character, general reputation and fitness of any applicant.

[and. Any such] An applicant who is found unfit as a result of [such] the investigation shall be disqualified for employment. The [board] secretary shall by rule prescribe the physical qualifications of applicants and shall require each applicant to submit to a physical examination by [such] doctors as the [board] secretary shall designate. [and. Any] An applicant

who does not meet the physical requirements prescribed by the [board] secretary shall be disqualified for employment.

Inasmuch as laws have been enacted providing for retirement, disability and life insurance funds for members of the New Mexico state police, it is the intention of the legislature that no applicants will be appointed who are in such physical condition that the cost of such protection will thereby be increased."

SECTION 10. Section 29-2-8 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1941, Chapter 147, Section 8, as amended) is amended to read:

"29-2-8. NEW MEXICO STATE POLICE--COMMISSIONED OFFICERS-EXAMINATION.--The New Mexico state police shall conduct a
written examination of all applicants for the position of
commissioned officer for the purpose of determining their
mental qualifications and knowledge of the laws of New Mexico
and their ability to render assistance in case of accidents
upon the public highways [and]. No applicant shall be
appointed a member of the New Mexico state police, other than
the chief, until [he shall have] the applicant has passed
[such] the written examination with a grade of not less than
seventy-two percent. This section shall not apply to officers
who are certified and commissioned as of June 30, 2015 in the
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SECTION 11. Section 29-2-9 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1941, .200933.2

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Chapter 147, Section 9, as amended) is amended to read: "29-2-9. PROBATIONARY PERIOD--LENGTH--PERMANENT COMMISSION--SALARY.--

A. All new appointments as members of the New Mexico state police shall be for a probationary period of two During [such] the probationary period, [such] the new members may be removed or suspended at the discretion of the chief [of the New Mexico state police]. At the end of two years of satisfactory service and upon recommendation of the chief and with concurrence of the [New Mexico state police board] secretary, the appointee may receive a permanent commission as a member of the New Mexico state police. However, the probationary period may be extended beyond a twoyear period upon the recommendation of the chief with the concurrence of the [board] secretary. This subsection shall not apply to officers who are certified and commissioned as of June 30, 2015 in the former motor transportation division or the former special investigations division. Members who are on probation on July 1, 2015 shall complete the probationary period under which they were hired.

The salaries of all members of the New Mexico state police, probationary and permanent, and that of the chief shall be fixed by the [board] secretary."

SECTION 12. Section 29-2-10 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1941, Chapter 147, Section 10, as amended) is amended to read:

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3 written examinations [provided, however, that on such 4 examination for the rank of sergeant, the record of the party 5 seeking promotion as a member of the New Mexico state police 6 and his length of service shall be given a weight of forty 7 percent in such examination]. All promotions above the rank of 8 sergeant shall be made by the chief after concurrence and 9 approval by the [New Mexico state police board] secretary. ranks of sergeant, lieutenant and captain shall be permanent 10 unless established as an exempt rank by the chief with the 11 12 concurrence of the [board] secretary. All promotions above the rank of captain are by executive appointment of the chief with 13 concurrence of the [board] secretary, and [such] those persons 14 shall serve at the pleasure of the chief with the concurrence 15 of the [board] secretary." 16 **SECTION 13.** Section 29-2-12 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1941, 17

state police to the rank of sergeant shall be made after

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SECTION 13. Section 29-2-12 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1941, Chapter 147, Section 12, as amended) is amended to read:

"29-2-12. OATH.--All members of the New Mexico state police and the [New Mexico state police board] secretary shall take the oath of office required of all state officials."

SECTION 14. Section 29-2-14 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1971, Chapter 87, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

"29-2-14. UNAUTHORIZED WEARING OF UNIFORM OR BADGE-UNAUTHORIZED MARKING OF MOTOR VEHICLE--PENALTY.--

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- Unauthorized wearing of uniform or badge consists of the wearing or requiring the wearing, without authorization by the [New Mexico state police board] secretary, of a uniform or badge or both whose material, color or design, or any combination of them, is such that the wearer appears to be a member of the New Mexico state police.
- Unauthorized marking of motor vehicle consists of the marking, using, possessing or owning or requiring the marking or using, without authorization by the [board] secretary, of a motor vehicle whose insignia, color or equipment, or any combination of them, is such that the motor vehicle appears to be a New Mexico state police motor vehicle.
- Whoever commits unauthorized wearing of uniform or badge or unauthorized marking of motor vehicle is guilty of a petty misdemeanor."

Section 29-2-16 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1941, SECTION 15. Chapter 147, Section 15, as amended) is amended to read:

"29-2-16. STATE POLICE SCHOOL--COMPENSATION.--

Before entering upon [his] the appointee's duties, every appointee to the New Mexico state police shall be required to attend [for a period of at least ninety days] a school of instruction approved by the [New Mexico state police board | secretary. A uniform course of instruction shall be given all trainees governing the operation, maintenance and temporary roadside repair of motor vehicles, the laws of the

state [which] that the appointee may be called on to enforce and other instruction as the [New Mexico state police board]

secretary may require. Attendance at the school or other course of instruction as may be prescribed renders the person attending subject to the control of the New Mexico state police during attendance.

- B. The [board] secretary may, within the budgetary means of the New Mexico state police, allow subsistence and compensation for trainees attending the school of instruction at the New Mexico state police headquarters or elsewhere. [The compensation allowed for each trainee, excluding room and board for a thirty-day period, shall be in the amount set by the legislature in the general appropriations act.]
- <u>C. This section shall not apply to members of the</u>

 former motor transportation division or the former special

 investigations division."

SECTION 16. Section 29-2-18 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1941, Chapter 147, Section 17, as amended) is amended to read:

"29-2-18. STATE POLICE CHIEF AND OTHER MEMBERS--POWERS
AND DUTIES.--

A. The chief and other members of the New Mexico state police, [who] when duly commissioned and sworn under the provisions of Sections 29-2-1 through 29-2-29 NMSA 1978, shall have the following powers and [shall perform the following duties:

A. they] shall be:

(1) conservators of the peace within the state with full power to apprehend, arrest and bring before the proper court all law violators within the state;

[B. they shall be]

(2) ex-officio deputies and agents of all the officers and departments of the taxation and revenue department and of the officers and departments within the state charged with the registration of motor vehicles, the issuance of licenses to operators of motor vehicles and of the officers and departments of the state charged with the regulation and control of motor vehicles operated upon the public highways for hire in the transportation of either passengers or property; and

[C. they shall be]

(3) charged with the enforcement of all laws of New Mexico regulating the use of highways. [and

D.] B. Upon request of any officer or agency of the state charged with the duty of enforcing any law of the state that is made to the [New Mexico state police board] secretary, one or more members of the New Mexico state police may be temporarily designated specifically to enforce the provisions of such law."

SECTION 17. Section 29-2-19 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1977, Chapter 257, Section 34, as amended) is amended to read:

"29-2-19. CHIEF--QUALIFICATIONS--REMOVAL.--

A. The chief is the executive officer of the New Mexico state police and [shall be] is subject to the control, supervision and direction of the [New Mexico state police board. He shall] secretary. The appointee, at the time of [his] appointment as chief by the [board] secretary, shall have been a member of the New Mexico state police holding a permanent commission for ten continuous years immediately prior to [his] the appointment and shall have served not less than three years in a supervisory capacity [and said]. Appointment shall be made with the consent of the senate.

- B. The chief shall serve at the pleasure of the [New Mexico state police board] secretary.
- C. The seniority and retirement rating of the chief shall be continuous as for any other member.
- D. The chief shall maintain [his] an office in Santa Fe in such quarters as are provided by the New Mexico state police for that purpose."

SECTION 18. Section 29-2-20 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1941, Chapter 147, Section 19, as amended) is amended to read:

"29-2-20. DISTRICTS.--The New Mexico state police chief, subject to the control of the [New Mexico state police board] secretary, may divide the state into districts and may designate home stations for the members of the New Mexico state police."

SECTION 19. Section 29-2-22 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1941, Chapter 147, Section 21, as amended) is amended to read:

"29-2-22. RULEMAKING POWER--RULES TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS

OF CONDUCT.--The [New Mexico state police board shall have]

secretary has authority to make and promulgate rules and regulations for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of Sections 29-2-1 through 29-2-29 NMSA 1978. The [New Mexico state police board] secretary shall establish by rules, from time to time, standards of conduct for members of the New Mexico state police, and a copy [thereof] of the rules shall be delivered to each [such] member and displayed at each station of the department. [Such] The rules shall be filed pursuant to the State Rules Act."

SECTION 20. Section 29-2-24 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1941, Chapter 147, Section 25, as amended) is amended to read:

"29-2-24. WAIVER.--The provisions of Sections 29-2-6 through 29-2-8 NMSA 1978 may be waived by the [unanimous vote of all members of the New Mexico state police board] secretary with regard to plainclothes [men] or special investigators and other employees not regularly uniformed."

SECTION 21. Section 29-2-25 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1947, Chapter 38, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

"29-2-25. ACCIDENT REPORTS.--When any member of the New Mexico state police [shall investigate] investigates a motor vehicle accident, [he] the member shall make a written report .200933.2

of [his] the findings on appropriate forms furnished by the New Mexico state police, the original of which report [and of all reports of motor vehicle accidents heretofore made] shall be filed in the office of the New Mexico state police and shall be furnished to any person upon written application accompanied by a fee as set by the [New Mexico state police board] secretary for the [photostat] photocopy of each surface of all documents comprising a report."

SECTION 22. Section 29-7-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1979, Chapter 202, Section 42, as amended) is amended to read:

- "29-7-3. NEW MEXICO LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY BOARD.--
- A. There is created the "New Mexico law enforcement academy board".
- B. The academy shall be controlled and supervised by policy set by the board. The board shall be composed of the attorney general, who shall serve automatically by reason of [his] office and serve as [chairman] chair of the board, and [six] eight members who are qualified electors to be appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate. An appointed board member shall serve and have all of the duties, responsibilities and authority of that office during the period prior to the final action by the senate in confirming or rejecting the appointment.
- C. [On or before July 1, 1994, the governor shall increase the number of members on the board to eight by

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appointing two additional members. The seventh member of the board shall be a citizen-at-large member whose term shall end on July 1, 1996. The eighth member of the board shall be a police officer who is a New Mexico certified police officer, holding the rank of sergeant or below at the time of his appointment, and whose term shall end on July 1, 1996 or sooner if he retires or is deactivated from duty for longer than thirty days.] Appointments to the board shall be for terms of four years or less made in such manner that the terms of not more than two members expire on July 1 of each year. At all times, the board shall have represented on it, as members, one municipal police chief, one sheriff, one state police officer, one [district] attorney who is currently employed in a district attorney's office, one certified police chief of a New Mexico Indian tribe or pueblo, one certified New Mexico police officer holding the rank of sergeant or below and two citizen-at-large members, neither of whom shall be a police officer or retired police officer or have familial or financial connections to a police officer or any agency or department for which a police officer works. Vacancies shall be filled by the governor for the unexpired term.

D. Members of the board shall receive, for their service as members of the board, per diem and mileage as provided in the Per Diem and Mileage Act."

SECTION 23. Section 29-7-5.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1979, .200933.2

Chapter 202, Section 45, as amended) is amended to read:

"29-7-5.1. REMOVAL OF DIRECTOR.--The director may be removed by the board in accordance with the procedures provided in Section 29-2-11 NMSA 1978 for removal of members of the New Mexico state police holding permanent commissions. In the case of removal proceedings for the director under that section, [the words "New Mexico state police board" or "board"] "commission", as used in Subsections C and D of Section 29-2-11 NMSA 1978, shall be construed to mean the New Mexico law enforcement academy board."

SECTION 24. Section 29-7-6.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993, Chapter 255, Section 7) is amended to read:

"29-7-6.1. COUNTY SHERIFFS--TRAINING REQUIREMENT.--

A. Every county sheriff, except sheriffs who have previously been awarded a certificate attesting to completion of a basic law enforcement training program, shall participate in and complete an administrative law enforcement training program no later than twelve months after the date [he] the sheriff assumes office as a county sheriff.

B. The director [of the training and recruiting division of the department of public safety] shall establish the administrative law enforcement training program for county sheriffs, subject to review and approval by the executive committee of the sheriff's affiliate of the New Mexico association of counties.

C. A county sheriff's per diem, mileage and tu	ition
expenses attributed to attendance at the administrative la	.W
enforcement training shall be paid for by the governing bo	dy of
the county served by that sheriff."	

SECTION 25. Section 29-7-7 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1981, Chapter 114, Section 6, as amended) is amended to read:

"29-7-7. DEFINITIONS.--For the purpose of the Law Enforcement Training Act:

- A. "academy" means the New Mexico law enforcement academy;
- B. "basic law enforcement training" means a course consisting of not less than four hundred hours of instruction in basic law enforcement training as required by the Law Enforcement Training Act;
- C. "board" means the New Mexico law enforcement academy board;
- D. "conviction" means an adjudication of guilt or a plea of no contest and includes convictions that are suspended or deferred;
- E. "director" means the director of the [academy] division;
- F. "division" means the New Mexico law enforcement academy of the department of public safety;
- $[F_{\bullet}]$ G_{\bullet} "in-service law enforcement training" means a course of instruction required of all certified peace .200933.2

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officers <u>and</u> designed to train and equip all police officers in the state with specific law enforcement skills and to ensure the continuing development of all police officers in the state. The training and instruction shall be kept current and may be conducted on a regional basis at the discretion of the director;

[G.] H. "police officer" means any commissioned employee of a law enforcement agency that is part of or administered by the state or any political subdivision of the state, and includes any employee of a missile range civilian police department who is a graduate of a recognized certified regional law enforcement training facility and who is currently certifiable by the [New Mexico law enforcement] academy, which employee is responsible for the prevention and detection of crime or the enforcement of the penal, or traffic or highway laws of this state. The term specifically includes deputy sheriffs. Sheriffs are eligible to attend the academy and are eligible to receive certification as provided in the Law Enforcement Training Act. As used in this subsection, "commissioned" means an employee of a law enforcement agency who is authorized by a sheriff or chief of police to apprehend, arrest and bring before the court all violators within the state; and

[\mathbb{H}_{\bullet}] \mathbb{I}_{\bullet} "certified regional law enforcement training facility" means a law enforcement training facility .200933.2

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within the state certified by the director, with the approval of the academy's board of directors, that offers basic law enforcement training and in-service law enforcement training that is comparable to or exceeds the standards of the programs of the academy."

SECTION 26. Section 29-7-12 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1981, Chapter 114, Section 12, as amended) is amended to read:

CHARGES--FUND CREATED--USE.--

A. The [training and recruiting] division [of the

department of public safety] shall not charge local public bodies [and] or New Mexico Indian tribes [and] or pueblos for any expenses associated with providing basic law enforcement training programs to applicants for certification seeking commission pursuant to the provisions of the Law Enforcement Training Act. The division may charge state agencies and institutions and federal agencies and shall charge civilian participants for the cost of providing basic law enforcement training programs, which charges shall be specified in a tuition and fee schedule promulgated by the [New Mexico law enforcement academy] board and shall not exceed the actual cost of providing the training programs.

B. The [training and recruiting] division may charge state agencies and institutions, local public bodies, New Mexico Indian tribes and pueblos and federal agencies and shall charge civilian participants for the cost of providing

advanced training programs, which charges shall be specified in a tuition and fee schedule promulgated by the [New Mexico law enforcement academy] board and shall not exceed the actual cost of providing the training programs.

- C. The [training and recruiting] division may charge for the rental or other use of the academy's facility, personnel and equipment, which charges shall be specified in a tuition and fee schedule promulgated by the [New Mexico law enforcement academy] board and shall not exceed the actual cost of the facility, personnel or equipment.
- D. The "law enforcement training and recruiting fund" is created in the state treasury. Money received by the [training and recruiting] division for activities specified in this section shall be deposited in the fund. The department of public safety shall administer the fund, and money in the fund is appropriated to the division to offset the operational costs of the division. [Unexpended or unencumbered balances in the fund shall revert to the general fund at the end of a fiscal year.] Money in the fund shall be nonreverting. Money shall be expended on warrants issued by the secretary of finance and administration upon vouchers signed by the secretary of public safety or [his] the secretary of public safety's authorized representative.
- E. As used in this section, "local public body" means all political subdivisions of the state and their .200933.2

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SECTION 27. Section 60-3A-1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1981, Chapter 39, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

"60-3A-1. SHORT TITLE.--Chapter 60, Articles 3A, [4B, 4C] 5A, 6A, 6B, 6C, 6E, 7A, 7B and 8A [of Chapter 60] NMSA 1978 may be cited as the "Liquor Control Act"."

SECTION 28. Section 60-3A-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1981, Chapter 39, Section 3, as amended) is amended to read:

"60-3A-3. DEFINITIONS.--As used in the Liquor Control Act:

- A. "alcoholic beverages" means distilled or rectified spirits, potable alcohol, brandy, whiskey, rum, gin and aromatic bitters bearing the federal internal revenue strip stamps or any similar alcoholic beverage, including blended or fermented beverages, dilutions or mixtures of one or more of the foregoing containing more than one-half percent alcohol, but excluding medicinal bitters;
- B. "beer" means an alcoholic beverage obtained by the fermentation of any infusion or decoction of barley, malt and hops or other cereals in water, and includes porter, beer, ale and stout;
- C. "brewer" means a person who owns or operates a
 business for the manufacture of beer;
 - D. "club" means:
 - (1) any nonprofit group, including an

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auxiliary or subsidiary group, organized and operated under the laws of this state, with a membership of not less than fifty members who pay membership dues at the rate of not less than five dollars (\$5.00) per year and who, under the constitution and bylaws of the club, have all voting rights and full membership privileges, and which group is the owner, lessee or occupant of premises used exclusively for club purposes and which group the director finds:

- (a) is operated solely for recreation, social, patriotic, political, benevolent or athletic purposes; and
- (b) has been granted an exemption by the United States from the payment of the federal income tax as a club under the provisions of Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or, if the applicant has not operated as a club for a sufficient time to be eligible for the income tax exemption, it must execute and file with the director a sworn letter of intent declaring that it will, in good faith, apply for an income tax exemption as soon as it is eligible; or
- (2) an airline passenger membership club operated by an air common carrier that maintains or operates a clubroom at an international airport terminal. As used in this paragraph, "air common carrier" means a person engaged in regularly scheduled air transportation between fixed

termini under a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued by the federal aviation administration;

- E. "commission" means the secretary of public safety when the term is used in reference to the enforcement and investigatory provisions of the Liquor Control Act and means the superintendent of regulation and licensing when the term is used in reference to the licensing provisions of the Liquor Control Act;
- F. "department" means the [special investigations] New Mexico state police division of the department of public safety when the term is used in reference to the enforcement and investigatory provisions of the Liquor Control Act and means the director of the alcohol and gaming division of the regulation and licensing department when the term is used in reference to the licensing provisions of the Liquor Control Act;
- G. "director" means the [director] chief of the [special investigations] New Mexico state police division of the department of public safety when the term is used in reference to the enforcement and investigatory provisions of the Liquor Control Act and means the director of the alcohol and gaming division of the regulation and licensing department when the term is used in reference to the licensing provisions of the Liquor Control Act;
- H. "dispenser" means a person licensed under the
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provisions of the Liquor Control Act selling, offering for sale or having in the person's possession with the intent to sell alcoholic beverages both by the drink for consumption on the licensed premises and in unbroken packages for consumption and not for resale off the licensed premises;

- I. "distiller" means a person engaged in
 manufacturing spirituous liquors;
- J. "golf course" means a tract of land and facilities used for playing golf and other recreational activities that includes tees, fairways, greens, hazards, putting greens, driving ranges, recreational facilities, patios, pro shops, cart paths and public and private roads that are located within the tract of land;
- K. "governing body" means the board of county commissioners of a county or the city council or city commissioners of a municipality;
- L. "hotel" means an establishment or complex having a resident of New Mexico as a proprietor or manager and where, in consideration of payment, meals and lodging are regularly furnished to the general public. The establishment or complex must maintain for the use of its guests a minimum of twenty-five sleeping rooms;
- M. "licensed premises" means the contiguous areas or areas connected by indoor passageways of a structure and the outside dining, recreation and lounge areas of the

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structure and the grounds and vineyards of a structure that is a winery that are under the direct control of the licensee and from which the licensee is authorized to sell, serve or allow the consumption of alcoholic beverages under the provisions of its license; provided that in the case of a restaurant, "licensed premises" includes a restaurant that has operated continuously in two separate structures since July 1, 1987 and that is located in a local option district that has voted to disapprove the transfer of liquor licenses into that local option district, hotel, golf course or racetrack and all public and private rooms, facilities and areas in which alcoholic beverages are sold or served in the customary operating procedures of the restaurant, hotel, golf course or racetrack. "Licensed premises" also includes rural dispenser licenses located in the unincorporated areas of a county with a population of less than thirty thousand, located in buildings in existence as of January 1, 2012, that are within one hundred fifty feet of one another and that are under the direct control of the license holder;

N. "local option district" means a county that has voted to approve the sale, serving or public consumption of alcoholic beverages, or an incorporated municipality that falls within a county that has voted to approve the sale, serving or public consumption of alcoholic beverages, or an incorporated municipality of over five thousand population

that has independently voted to approve the sale, serving or public consumption of alcoholic beverages under the terms of the Liquor Control Act or any former act;

- 0. "manufacturer" means a distiller, rectifier,
 brewer or winer;
- P. "minor" means a person under twenty-one years of age;
- Q. "package" means an immediate container of alcoholic beverages that is filled or packed by a manufacturer or wine bottler for sale by the manufacturer or wine bottler to wholesalers;
- R. "person" means an individual, corporation, firm, partnership, copartnership, association or other legal entity;
- S. "rectifier" means a person who blends, mixes or distills alcohol with other liquids or substances for the purpose of making an alcoholic beverage for the purpose of sale other than to the consumer by the drink, and includes all bottlers of spirituous liquors;
- T. "restaurant" means an establishment having a
 New Mexico resident as a proprietor or manager that is held
 out to the public as a place where meals are prepared and
 served primarily for on-premises consumption to the general
 public in consideration of payment and that has a dining
 room, a kitchen and the employees necessary for preparing,

cooking and serving meals; provided that "restaurant" does not include establishments as defined in rules promulgated by the director serving only hamburgers, sandwiches, salads and other fast foods;

- U. "retailer" means a person licensed under the provisions of the Liquor Control Act selling, offering for sale or having in the person's possession with the intent to sell alcoholic beverages in unbroken packages for consumption and not for resale off the licensed premises;
- V. "spirituous liquors" means alcoholic beverages as defined in Subsection A of this section except fermented beverages such as wine, beer and ale;
- W. "wholesaler" means a person whose place of business is located in New Mexico and who sells, offers for sale or possesses for the purpose of sale any alcoholic beverages for resale by the purchaser;
- X. "wine" includes the words "fruit juices" and means alcoholic beverages obtained by the fermentation of the natural sugar contained in fruit or other agricultural products, with or without the addition of sugar or other products, that do not contain less than one-half percent nor more than twenty-one percent alcohol by volume;
- Y. "wine bottler" means a New Mexico wholesaler who is licensed to sell wine at wholesale for resale only and who buys wine in bulk and bottles it for wholesale resale;

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- AA. "winer" means a winegrower; and
- BB. "winery" means a facility in which a winegrower manufactures and stores wine."

SECTION 29. Section 60-4B-4.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993, Chapter 329, Section 1) is recompiled as Section 60-3A-6.1 NMSA 1978 and is amended to read:

"60-3A-6.1. LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT--DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY--REPORTING REQUIREMENTS--AUTHORITY TO REQUEST INVESTIGATIONS.--

A. Within thirty days following the date of issuance of a citation pursuant to the provisions of the Liquor Control Act, the department of public safety or the law enforcement agency of a municipality or county shall report alleged violations of that act to the alcohol and gaming division of the regulation and licensing department.

B. The director of the alcohol and gaming division of the regulation and licensing department may request the investigators [of the special investigations division] of the department of public safety to investigate licensees or activities that the director has reasonable cause to believe are in violation of the Liquor Control Act."

SECTION 30. Section 60-4B-4 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1981, Chapter 39, Section 7) is recompiled as Section 60-3A-8.1

NMSA 1978 and is amended to read:

"60-3A-8.1. INVESTIGATIVE AUTHORITY AND POWERS.--

- A. For the purpose of enforcing the provisions of the Liquor Control Act, the director is authorized to examine and to require the production of [any] pertinent records, books, information or evidence, to require the presence of any person and to require [him] the person to testify under oath concerning the subject matter of the inquiry and to make a permanent record of the proceedings.
- B. The director is vested with the power to issue subpoenas. In no case shall a subpoena be made returnable less than five days from the date of service.
- C. Any subpoena issued by the director shall state with reasonable certainty the nature of the evidence required to be produced, the time and place of the hearing, the nature of the inquiry or investigation and the consequences of failure to obey the subpoena, and shall bear the seal of the department and be attested to by the director.
- D. After service of a subpoena upon [him] a person, if [any] the person neglects or refuses to appear or produce records or other evidence in response to the subpoena or neglects or refuses to give testimony, as required, the director may invoke the aid of the New Mexico district courts in the enforcement of the subpoena. In appropriate cases,

the court shall issue its order requiring the person to
appear and testify or produce [his] the person's books or
records and may, upon failure of the person to comply with
the order, punish the person for contempt.

E. The director may exchange identification records and information with law enforcement agencies for official use. [Any] Identification records received from the United States department of justice, including identification records based on fingerprints, shall be used only to effectuate the licensing purposes and provisions of the Liquor Control Act. The department shall not disseminate such information except to other law enforcement agencies for official use only.

F. For the purposes of this section, "director"

means the director of the alcohol and gaming division of the

regulation and licensing department."

SECTION 31. Section 65-1-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978, Chapter 19, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

"65-1-2. DEFINITIONS.--As used in the Motor Transportation Act:

- A. "combination" means any connected assemblage of a motor vehicle and one or more semitrailers, trailers or semitrailers converted to trailers by means of a converter gear;
- B. "combination gross vehicle weight" means the .200933.2

sum total of the gross vehicle weights of all units of a combination;

- C. "commercial motor carrier vehicle" means a self-propelled or towed vehicle, other than special mobile equipment, used on public highways in commerce to transport passengers or property when the vehicle:
- vehicle weight rating or gross combination weight rating, or gross vehicle weight or gross combination weight, of four thousand five hundred thirty-six kilograms, or ten thousand one pounds or more; or is operated only in intrastate commerce and has a gross vehicle weight rating or gross combination weight rating, or gross vehicle weight or gross combination weight, of twenty-six thousand one or more pounds;
- (2) is designed or used to transport more than eight passengers, including the driver, and is used to transport passengers for compensation;
- (3) is designed or used to transport more than fifteen passengers, including the driver, and is not used to transport passengers for compensation; or
- (4) is used to transport hazardous materials of the type or quantity requiring placarding under rules prescribed by applicable federal or state law;
- D. "converter gear" means any assemblage of one .200933.2

or more axles with a fifth wheel mounted thereon, designed for use in a combination to support the front end of a semitrailer but not permanently attached thereto. A "converter gear" shall not be considered a vehicle as that term is used in Chapter 66 NMSA 1978, but <u>its</u> weight [attributable thereto] shall be included in declared gross weight;

- E. "declared gross weight" means maximum gross vehicle weight or combination gross vehicle weight at which a vehicle or combination will be operated during the registration period as declared by the registrant for registration and fee purposes. The vehicle or combination shall have only one "declared gross weight" for all operating considerations;
- F. "department", without modification, means the department of public safety, the secretary of public safety or any employee of the department exercising authority lawfully delegated to that employee by the secretary;
 - G. "director" means the secretary;
- H. "division" means the [motor transportation]

 New Mexico state police division of the department;
- I. "evidence of registration" means documentation issued by the taxation and revenue department identifying a motor carrier vehicle as being registered with New Mexico or documentation issued by another state pursuant to the terms

of a multistate agreement on registration of vehicles to which this state is a party identifying a motor carrier vehicle as being registered with that state; provided that evidence of payment of the weight distance tax and permits obtained under either the Special Fuels Supplier Tax Act or Trip Tax Act are not "evidence of registration";

- J. "field enforcement" or "in the field" means patrolling of the highway, stopping of commercial motor carrier vehicles or establishing ports of entry and roadblocks for the purpose of checking motor carriers and includes similar activities;
- K. "freight trailer" means any trailer, semitrailer or pole trailer drawn by a truck tractor or road tractor and any trailer, semitrailer or pole trailer drawn by a truck that has a gross vehicle weight of more than twenty-six thousand pounds, but the term does not include house trailers, trailers of less than one-ton carrying capacity used to transport animals or fertilizer trailers of less than three thousand five hundred pounds empty weight;
- L. "gross vehicle weight" means the weight of a vehicle without load plus the weight of any load thereon;
- M. "motor carrier" means any person that owns, controls, operates or manages any motor vehicle with gross vehicle weight of twelve thousand pounds or more that is used to transport persons or property on the public highways of

this state;

- N. "motor vehicle" means any vehicle or device that is propelled by an internal combustion engine or electric motor power that is used or may be used on the public highways for the purpose of transporting persons or property and includes any connected trailer or semitrailer;
- O. "one-way rental fleet" means two or more vehicles each having a gross vehicle weight of under twenty-six thousand one pounds and rented to the public without a driver;
- P. "person" means any individual, estate, trust, receiver, cooperative association, club, corporation, company, firm, partnership, joint venture, syndicate or other association; "person" also means, to the extent permitted by law, any federal, state or other governmental unit or subdivision or an agency, department or instrumentality [thereof]; "person" also includes an officer or employee of a corporation, a member or employee of a partnership or any individual who, as such, is under a duty to perform any act in respect of which a violation occurs;
- Q. "properly registered" means bearing the lawfully issued and currently valid evidence of registration of this or another jurisdiction, regardless of the owner's residence, except in those cases where the evidence has been procured by misrepresentation or fraud;

- R. "public highway" means every way or place generally open to the use of the public as a matter of right for the purpose of vehicular travel, even though it may be temporarily closed or restricted for the purpose of construction, maintenance, repair or reconstruction;
- S. "secretary" means the secretary of public safety and, except for the purposes of <u>Section</u> 65-1-33 NMSA 1978, also includes [the] <u>a</u> deputy secretary and any division director delegated by the secretary;
- T. "state" or "jurisdiction" means a state,
 territory or possession of the United States, the District of
 Columbia, the commonwealth of Puerto Rico, a foreign country
 or a state or province of a foreign country; and
- U. "utility trailer" means any trailer, semitrailer or pole trailer and includes house trailers that exceed neither eight feet in width nor forty feet in length, but does not include freight trailers, trailers of less than one-ton carrying capacity used to transport animals or fertilizer trailers of less than three thousand five hundred pounds empty weight."

SECTION 32. Section 65-1-35 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1967, Chapter 97, Section 44, as amended) is amended to read:

"65-1-35. DUPLICATE RECORDS.--If the [motor transportation] New Mexico state police division in carrying out any of the powers and duties granted or imposed on it by .200933.2

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the Motor Transportation Act needs duplicates of any records not transferred to it by [this] that act, all departments, agencies and commissions of this state shall, upon request, make the records available to the division for copying."

SECTION 33. Section 66-1-4.2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1990, Chapter 120, Section 3, as amended) is amended to read:

"66-1-4.2. DEFINITIONS.--As used in the Motor Vehicle Code:

- Α. "bicycle" means every device propelled by human power upon which any person may ride, having two tandem wheels, except scooters and similar devices;
- В. "bureau" means the traffic safety bureau of the [state highway and] department of transportation [department];
- C. "bus" means every motor vehicle designed and used for the transportation of persons and every motor vehicle, other than a taxicab, designed and used for the transportation of persons for compensation; and
- "business district" means the territory contiguous to and including a highway when within any three hundred feet along the highway there are buildings in use for business or industrial purposes, including but not limited to hotels, banks or office buildings, railroad stations and public buildings that occupy at least fifty percent of the frontage on one side or fifty percent of the frontage

collectively on both sides of the highway."

SECTION 34. Section 66-3-302 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978, Chapter 35, Section 78, as amended) is amended to read:
"66-3-302. CARAVAN FEE.--

A. A person or an employee, agent or representative of that person shall not use the highways of New Mexico for the transportation of any vehicle, regardless of whether the vehicle is registered in another state or whether the vehicle is transported on its own wheels or on another vehicle or by being drawn or towed behind another, if the vehicle is transported by any person or the agents or employees of that person engaged in the business of transporting vehicles or if the vehicle is being transported for the purpose of delivery to any purchaser of the vehicle on a sale or contract of sale previously made, unless the vehicle carries:

- (1) a valid New Mexico registration plate;
- (2) a valid dealer's plate issued by the department;
- (3) a special permit for the use of the highways of this state for the transportation of the vehicle in the manner in which the vehicle is being transported, which has first been obtained and the fee paid as specified in this section; or
 - (4) a valid temporary transportation permit

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issued under Subsection B of Section 66-3-6 NMSA 1978.

- Special permits for the use of the highways of this state for the transportation of such vehicles shall be issued by the department of public safety upon application on the form prescribed by the department of public safety and upon payment of a fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) for each vehicle transported by use of its own power and a fee of seven dollars (\$7.00) for each vehicle carried in or on another vehicle or towed or drawn by another vehicle and not transported in whole or in part by the use of its own power. A fee imposed pursuant to this section may be referred to as a "caravan fee". Every permit shall show upon its face the registration number assigned to each vehicle, the name and address of the owner, the manner of transportation authorized and a description of the vehicle registered, including the engine number. The permit shall be carried at all times by the person in charge of the vehicle. A suitable tag or placard for each vehicle may be issued by the department of public safety and, if issued, shall be at all times displayed on each vehicle being transported. The permit, tag or placard shall not be used upon or in connection with the transportation of any vehicle other than the one for which the permit, tag or placard is issued.
- C. A caravan fee shall not apply to the transportation of vehicles carried on another vehicle for the .200933.2

operation of which a weight distance tax is paid, nor shall the vehicle transported be required to carry a registration plate or temporary transportation permits. The [motor transportation and the] New Mexico state police [divisions] division of the department of public safety [are] is authorized to impound any vehicle transported in violation of the Motor Transportation Act until a proper permit has been secured and any fine levied has been paid."

SECTION 35. Section 66-7-314 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978, Chapter 35, Section 418, as amended) is amended to read:

"66-7-314. MOVEMENT OF HAZARDOUS VEHICLE--ESCORT MAY BE REQUIRED.--When, in the judgment of the [motor transportation] New Mexico state police division of the department of public safety or local authorities with respect to highways under their jurisdiction, the movement of any vehicle is deemed a hazard to traffic upon a highway over which the vehicle is to travel, the granting of permission for the movement of the vehicle may be conditioned upon a special escort accompanying the hazardous vehicle."

SECTION 36. Section 66-7-411 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978, Chapter 35, Section 482, as amended) is amended to read:

"66-7-411. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE MAY WEIGH VEHICLES
AND REQUIRE REMOVAL OF EXCESS LOADS--GRADUATED PENALTIES.-.200933.2

A. A police officer with the [motor
transportation division or the] New Mexico state police
division of the department of public safety, having reason to
believe that the weight of a vehicle and load is unlawful,
may require the driver to stop and submit to weighing of the
vehicle and load by means of either portable or stationary
scales and may require the vehicle to be driven to the
nearest scales approved by the department of public safety if
the scales are within five miles. A police officer shall not
require a driver to weigh a vehicle on a private scale.

- B. When a police officer with the [motor transportation division or the] New Mexico state police division of the department of public safety or a transportation inspector, upon weighing a vehicle or combination, determines that the gross vehicle weight or combination gross vehicle weight exceeds the maximum authorized by Sections 66-7-409 and 66-7-410 NMSA 1978, the officer or inspector shall require the driver or owner of the vehicle or combination to unload that portion of the load necessary to decrease the gross vehicle weight or combination gross vehicle weight to the authorized maximum.
- C. A driver of a vehicle who fails or refuses to stop and submit the vehicle and load to weighing or who fails or refuses, when directed by a duly authorized police officer with the [motor transportation division or the] New Mexico

state police division of the department of public safety or a transportation inspector, upon a weighing of the vehicle, to unload the vehicle and otherwise comply with the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

D. A shipper or a person loading the vehicle who intentionally overloads a vehicle that the shipper or person has reason to believe will travel in that condition upon a public highway is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined in accordance with [Subsection E of this section] Section 66-8-116.1 NMSA 1978.

E. In all cases of violations of weight limitations, the penalties shall be assessed and imposed in accordance with [the following schedule] Section 66-8-116.1 NMSA 1978.

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LOAD IN POUNDS	AMOUNT OF FINE
1 to 3,000	fifty dollars (\$50.00)
3,001 to 4,000	eighty dollars (\$80.00)
4,001 to 5,000	one hundred dollars (\$100)
5,001 to 6,000	one hundred fifty dollars (\$150)
6,001 to 7,000	two hundred fifty dollars (\$250)
7,001 to 8,000	three hundred fifty dollars (\$350)
8,001 to 9,000	four hundred dollars (\$400)
9,001 to 10,000	five hundred dollars (\$500)
over 10,000	seven hundred dollars (\$700).]"

	SECTION	37.	Section	66-	7-4	12 NMSA	1978	(being	Law	S
1959,	Chapter	247,	Section	1,	as	amended) is	amended	to	read:

"66-7-412. SPECIAL FARM PERMITS.--The [motor
transportation] New Mexico state police division of the
department of public safety shall have the authority to issue
special permits at all ports of entry where registration
stations or places where inspection and registration services
are maintained by the [motor transportation] New Mexico state
police division to all implements of husbandry using the
highways, including farm tractors, and to the
instrumentalities or vehicles that may be carrying the
implements of husbandry, including farm tractors, when the
securing of these permits is required by law."

SECTION 38. Section 66-7-413.2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1989, Chapter 291, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

"66-7-413.2. ENGINEERING INVESTIGATIONS FOR VEHICLES IN EXCESS OF ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY THOUSAND POUNDS.--

A. All vehicles with a gross vehicle weight in excess of one hundred seventy thousand pounds shall require a special permit as provided for in Section 66-7-413 NMSA 1978, and no such permit shall be issued unless:

- (1) an engineering investigation and review have been conducted to:
- (a) establish whether the move could be made without visible or documented damages to the portion .200933.2

of road or bridges upon which the move is to be made;

(b) establish whether the move could be made without visible or documented damages to any private facilities along the road upon which the move is to be made; and

- (c) estimate the cost for any necessary modifications the move may cause; and
- submitted to the [motor transportation] New Mexico state

 police division of the department of public safety and the
 local highway authorities all pertinent information requested
 of the applicant by the [motor transportation] New Mexico

 state police division [of the department of public safety].

 If the submitted data [is] are not acceptable to the [state
 highway and] department of transportation [department], the
 applicant will be advised by the [motor transportation] New
 Mexico state police division [of the department of public
 safety] that engineering investigations will be conducted by
 the [state highway and] department of transportation
 [department], and the cost incurred by the [state highway
 and] department of transportation [department] will be paid
 by the applicant as an added cost to [his] the permit fee.
- B. The [motor transportation] New Mexico state

 police division [of the department of public safety] shall

 adopt the necessary rules and regulations for the development

of data for an investigation to determine whether to issue any special permit pursuant to Section 66-7-413 NMSA 1978.

- c. The applicant or the applicant's employer shall pay the costs for any modifications to the road, bridges or private facilities along the road that the [motor transportation] New Mexico state police division [of the department of public safety] has determined are necessary for the issuance of the special permit and the costs for any damages to the road or bridges that are the result of the move and the fault of the mover and not the [motor transportation] New Mexico state police division [of the department of public safety].
- D. Any person who violates the provisions of Subsection A of this section [shall be] is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or imprisonment for a definite term not to exceed six months, or both.
- E. Nothing contained in this section shall limit in any manner the authority of the state, a county, a municipality or a political subdivision [thereof] to collect damages for any unlawful use of highways as provided by law."
- SECTION 39. Section 66-7-413.4 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2001, Chapter 20, Section 2, as amended) is amended to read:

 "66-7-413.4. PERMITS FOR EXCESSIVE WEIGHT.--
- A. In addition to the authority granted in .200933.2

Section 66-7-413 NMSA 1978, the [motor transportation] New Mexico state police division of the department of public safety may issue special permits authorizing an increase of up to twenty-five percent in axle weight for liquid hauling tank vehicles whenever the liquid hauling tank vehicles would have to haul less than a full tank under the maximum weights authorized in [Section] Sections 66-7-409 and 66-7-410 NMSA 1978. A special permit under this section may be issued for a single trip or for a year. The fee for the permits shall be thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) for a single-trip permit and one hundred twenty dollars (\$120) for an annual permit.

Revenue from the permit fee shall be used to build, maintain, repair or reconstruct the highways and bridges of this state. Revenue from the permit shall be collected for the department of transportation and transferred to the state road fund.

- B. The special permits authorized by this section shall not be valid for transportation of excessive weights on the interstate system as currently defined in federal law or as that system may be defined in the future. A special permit issued pursuant to this section shall not be valid for gross vehicle weights in excess of eighty-six thousand four hundred pounds or for a combination vehicle.
- C. If the federal highway administration of the United States department of transportation gives official notice that money will be withheld or that this section

violates the grandfather provision of 23 USCA 127, the secretary may withdraw all special permits and discontinue issuance of all special permits authorized in this section until such time that final determination is made. If the final determination allows the state to issue the special permits without sanction of funds or weight tables, the secretary shall reissue the special permits previously withdrawn and make the special permits available pursuant to this section."

SECTION 40. Section 66-7-415 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1955, Chapter 37, Section 12, as amended) is amended to read:
"66-7-415. WHEN THE STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OR

LOCAL AUTHORITIES MAY RESTRICT RIGHT TO USE STREETS .--

A. Local authorities, with respect to streets under their jurisdiction, may also, by ordinance or resolution, prohibit the operation of trucks or other commercial vehicles or may impose limitations as to [the] size or weight [thereof] on designated streets in areas that are primarily residential, which prohibitions and limitations shall be designated by appropriate signs placed on [such] the street.

B. The local authority enacting an ordinance or resolution shall erect or cause to be erected and maintained signs designating the provisions of the ordinance or resolution at each end of that portion of [any] the street .200933.2

affected, and the ordinance or resolution shall not be effective [unless and] until [such] signs are erected and maintained and notice [thereof] given in writing to the nearest officer or employee of the [motor transportation] New Mexico state police division of the department of public safety authorized to issue special permits.

C. The state transportation commission shall likewise have authority, as granted to local authorities in Subsections A and B of this section, to determine by resolution and to impose restrictions as to the size and weight of vehicles operated upon any highways under the jurisdiction of the commission, and such restrictions shall be effective [on and after] upon the passage of a resolution and when signs giving notice thereof are erected upon the highway or portion of any highway affected by [such] the resolution. The commission shall deliver a copy of all restrictions adopted by it to the [motor transportation] New Mexico state police division of the department of public safety."

SECTION 41. Section 66-7-505 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978, Chapter 35, Section 492, as amended) is amended to read:

"66-7-505. ADVISORY COMMITTEE--CREATION--MEMBERS-TERMS.--

A. There is created a five-member advisory .200933.2

committee to the bureau. The chief is, ex officio, the chair and a voting member of the committee. The governor shall appoint three members, to terms coterminous with the governor's tenure, who shall have the following qualifications:

- (1) one member who is representative of the law enforcement agencies of this state;
- (2) one member who is representative of the school bus transportation function of the public education department; and
- (3) one member who is representative of the [motor transportation] New Mexico state police division of the department of public safety.
- B. Appointees who are public officers or public employees shall be compensated for attendance at meetings according to the Per Diem and Mileage Act. Appointees who are not public officers or employees shall be compensated for attendance at meetings in commensurate amount."
- SECTION 42. Section 10-11-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1987, Chapter 253, Section 2, as amended) is amended to read:
- "10-11-2. DEFINITIONS.--As used in the Public Employees Retirement Act:
- A. "accumulated member contributions" means the amounts deducted from the salary of a member and credited to the member's individual account, together with interest, if .200933.2

any, credited to that account;

- B. "affiliated public employer" means the state and any public employer affiliated with the association as provided in the Public Employees Retirement Act, but does not include an employer pursuant to the Magistrate Retirement Act, the Judicial Retirement Act or the Educational Retirement Act;
- C. "association" means the public employees retirement association established under the Public Employees Retirement Act;
- D. "disability retired member" means a retired member who is receiving a pension pursuant to the disability retirement provisions of the Public Employees Retirement Act;
- E. "disability retirement pension" means the pension paid pursuant to the disability retirement provisions of the Public Employees Retirement Act;
- F. "educational retirement system" means that retirement system provided for in the Educational Retirement Act;
- G. "employee" means any employee of an affiliated
 public employer;
- H. "federal social security program" means that program or those programs created and administered pursuant to the act of congress approved August 14, 1935, Chapter 531, 49 Stat. 620, as that act may be amended;

- I. "final average salary" means the final average salary calculated in accordance with the provisions of the applicable coverage plan;
- J. "form of payment" means the applicable form of payment of a pension provided for in Section 10-11-117 NMSA 1978;
- K. "former member" means a person who was previously employed by an affiliated public employer, who has terminated that employment and who has received a refund of member contributions;
- L. "fund" means the funds included under the Public Employees Retirement Act;
- M. "member" means a currently employed, contributing employee of an affiliated public employer, or a person who has been but is not currently employed by an affiliated public employer, who has not retired and who has not received a refund of member contributions; "member" also includes the following:
- (1) "adult correctional officer member"

 means a member who is employed as an adult correctional

 officer or an adult correctional officer specialist by a

 state correctional facility of the corrections department or

 its successor agency;
- (2) "juvenile correctional officer member" means a member who is employed as a juvenile correctional .200933.2

officer by the children, youth and families department or its successor agency;

- (3) "municipal detention officer member"
 means a member who is employed by an affiliated public
 employer other than the state and who has inmate custodial
 responsibilities at a facility used for the confinement of
 persons charged with or convicted of a violation of a law or
 ordinance:
- (4) "municipal fire member" means any member who is employed as a full-time nonvolunteer firefighter by an affiliated public employer and who has taken the oath prescribed for firefighters;
- (5) "municipal police member" means any member who is employed as a police officer by an affiliated public employer, other than the state, and who has taken the oath prescribed for police officers; and
- member who is an officer of the New Mexico state police and who has taken the oath prescribed for such officers, except that a state police member shall not include a member who is an officer of the New Mexico state police division and who was certified and commissioned as of June 30, 2015 in the former motor transportation division or the former special investigations division of the department of public safety;
 - N. "membership" means membership in the

1 association;

- O. "pension" means a series of monthly payments to a retired member or survivor beneficiary as provided in the Public Employees Retirement Act;
- P. "public employer" means the state, any municipality, city, county, metropolitan arroyo flood control authority, economic development district, regional housing authority, soil and water conservation district, entity created pursuant to a joint powers agreement, council of government, conservancy district, irrigation district, water and sanitation district, water district and metropolitan water board, including the boards, departments, bureaus and agencies of a public employer, so long as these entities fall within the meaning of governmental plan as that term is used in Section 414(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;
- Q. "refund beneficiary" means a person designated by the member, in writing, in the form prescribed by the association, as the person who would be refunded the member's accumulated member contributions payable if the member dies and no survivor pension is payable or who would receive the difference between pension paid and accumulated member contributions if the retired member dies before receiving in pension payments the amount of the accumulated member contributions;

R. "retire" means to:

system; and

(2) receive a pension from a state system or the educational retirement system;

covered by any state system or the educational retirement

terminate employment with all employers

- S. "retired member" means a person who has met all requirements for retirement and who is receiving a pension from the fund;
- T. "retirement board" means the retirement board provided for in the Public Employees Retirement Act;
- U. "salary" means the base salary or wages paid a member, including longevity pay, for personal services rendered an affiliated public employer. "Salary" shall not include overtime pay, allowances for housing, clothing, equipment or travel, payments for unused sick leave, unless the unused sick leave payment is made through continuation of the member on the regular payroll for the period represented by that payment, and any other form of remuneration not specifically designated by law as included in salary for Public Employees Retirement Act purposes. Salary in excess of the limitations set forth in Section 401(a)(17) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, shall be disregarded. The limitation on compensation for eligible employees shall not be less than the amount that was allowed

to be taken into account under the state retirement system acts in effect on July 1, 1993. For purposes of this subsection, "eligible employee" means an individual who was a member of a state system before the first plan year beginning after December 31, 1995;

- V. "state system" means the retirement programs provided for in the Public Employees Retirement Act, the Magistrate Retirement Act and the Judicial Retirement Act;
- W. "state retirement system acts" means collectively the Public Employees Retirement Act, the Magistrate Retirement Act, the Judicial Retirement Act and the Volunteer Firefighters Retirement Act; and
- X. "survivor beneficiary" means a person who receives a pension or who has been designated to be paid a pension as a result of the death of a member or retired member."
- SECTION 43. TEMPORARY PROVISIONS--TRANSFER OF

 PERSONNEL, PROPERTY, CONTRACTS AND REFERENCES IN LAW.--On
 July 1, 2015:
- A. all personnel, appropriations, money, records, equipment, supplies and other property of the special investigations and motor transportation divisions of the department of public safety shall be transferred to the New Mexico state police division of the department of public safety;

- B. all contracts pertaining to the special investigations and motor transportation divisions of the department of public safety shall be binding and effective on the department of public safety; and
- C. all references in law to the special investigations or motor transportation division of the department of public safety shall be deemed to refer to the New Mexico state police division of the department of public safety.
- SECTION 44. TEMPORARY PROVISIONS--TRANSFER OF

 PERSONNEL, PROPERTY, CONTRACTS AND REFERENCES IN LAW.--On
 July 1, 2015:
- A. all personnel, appropriations, money, records, equipment, supplies and other property of the training and recruiting division of the department of public safety shall be transferred to the New Mexico law enforcement academy of the department of public safety;
- B. all contracts pertaining to the training and recruiting division of the department of public safety shall be binding and effective on the New Mexico law enforcement academy of the department of public safety; and
- C. all references in law to the training and recruiting division of the department of public safety shall be deemed to refer to the New Mexico law enforcement academy of the department of public safety.

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SECTION 45. REPEALSections 60-4B-1, 60-4B-2,
60-4B-7, 65-1-7 and 65-1-38 through 65-1-45 NMSA 1978 (being
Laws 1981, Chapter 39, Sections 4, 5 and 10, Laws 1998 (1st
S.S.), Chapter 10, Section 6 and Laws 2007, Chapter 54,
Sections 1 through 8, as amended) are repealed.

SECTION 46. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 2015.

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