

1 HOUSE BILL 658

2 **54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; OPENING A MEXICAN AFFAIRS
12 DIVISION OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OFFICE IN
13 MEXICO CITY; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

16 SECTION 1. Section 9-15-30 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1988,
17 Chapter 80, Section 4, as amended) is amended to read:

18 "9-15-30. MEXICAN AFFAIRS DIVISION CREATED--DUTIES.--

19 A. The "Mexican affairs division" is created as a
20 division of the department.

21 B. The division shall be responsible for conducting
22 and coordinating the state's relations with the Republic of
23 Mexico and the state of Chihuahua and shall promote New Mexico
24 products and services in Mexico. The division is created to
25 coordinate activities of the department, the tourism

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1 department, the cultural affairs department, the department of
2 transportation, the department of health, the department of
3 environment, the department of public safety, the New Mexico-
4 Chihuahua commission, the border authority and the joint border
5 research institute at New Mexico state university as those
6 activities relate to improving New Mexico-Mexico relations and
7 trade and encouraging or funding appropriate border
8 development.

9 C. The division shall open and operate a physical
10 office in Mexico City, Mexico, to improve relationships and
11 increase commerce between Mexico and New Mexico and investment
12 in New Mexico by Mexican companies.

13 [~~G.~~] D. The division shall provide periodic reports
14 to the New Mexico finance authority oversight committee on its
15 activities and the activities of the state pertaining to New
16 Mexico-Mexico relations, trade and border development."

17 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.**--Two million dollars
18 (\$2,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
19 economic development department for expenditure in fiscal year
20 2020 to open and operate a Mexican affairs division office in
21 Mexico City, Mexico. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance
22 remaining at the end of fiscal year 2020 shall revert to the
23 general fund.

24 **SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**--The effective date of the
25 provisions of this act is July 1, 2019.

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