

Proposed

SENATE HEALTH AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL 518

56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2023

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PUBLIC PEACE, HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE;
REQUIRING NEW MEXICO STATE POLICE TO BE THE HIGHEST-PAID LAW
ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN THE STATE.

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

SECTION 1. Section 29-2-9 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1941,
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
years. During the probationary period, the new members may be
removed or suspended at the discretion of the chief. At the
end of two years of satisfactory service and upon
recommendation of the chief and with concurrence of the

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1 secretary, the appointee may receive a permanent commission as
2 a member of the New Mexico state police. However, the
3 probationary period may be extended beyond a two-year period
4 upon the recommendation of the chief with the concurrence of
5 the secretary. This subsection shall not apply to officers who
6 are certified and commissioned as of June 30, 2015 in the
7 former motor transportation division or the former special
8 investigations division. Members who are on probation on July
9 1, 2015 shall complete the probationary period under which they
10 were hired.

11 B. The salaries of all members of the New Mexico
12 state police, probationary and permanent, and that of the chief
13 shall be fixed by the secretary. The secretary shall annually
14 review the salaries of the New Mexico state police and other
15 law enforcement agencies in the state and shall adjust the
16 salaries of the New Mexico state police, if necessary, to
17 ensure that members of the New Mexico state police are the
18 highest-paid law enforcement officers in the state."