

HOUSE BILL 260

**57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2026**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO CRIME; CREATING THE CRIME OF MAKING A FALSE  
MATERIAL STATEMENT TO THE LEGISLATURE.

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

SECTION 1. A new section of Chapter 30 NMSA 1978 is  
enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] MAKING A FALSE MATERIAL STATEMENT TO THE  
LEGISLATURE.--

A. Making a false material statement to the  
legislature consists of a person making a statement that the  
person knows to be untrue in a proceeding before the  
legislature, including a hearing of a standing or interim  
committee of the legislature, to the issue or matter of which  
the person making the statement has been requested to testify,  
regardless of whether the statement is made under oath,

.233074.2

1 affirmation or penalty of perjury; provided that the provisions  
2 of this subsection do not apply to a statement made by a member  
3 of the public during a designated period for public comment at  
4 a hearing of a standing or interim committee of the  
5 legislature. A member of the legislature who heard the  
6 testimony may refer to the district attorney of the district in  
7 which the false material statement was made.

8 B. A person who commits making a false material  
9 statement to the legislature is guilty of a fourth degree  
10 felony."

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