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HOUSE BILL 1207

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; AMENDING AND REPEALING
SECTIONS OF THE NMSA 1978 PERTAINING TO SPACE COMMERCIALIZATION;
BROADENING THE SCOPE OF SPACE COMMERCIALIZATION PROJECTS.

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

Section 1. Section 9-15-43 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1994,
Chapter 127, Section 2, as amended) is amended to read:

"9-15-43. DEFINITIONS. -- As used in ~~[the Spaceport
Development Act]~~ Sections 9-15-43 through 9-15-47 NMSA 1978

A. "commission" means the ~~[spaceport]~~ space
commission;

~~[B. "department" means the economic development
department;~~

~~[C.]~~ B. "director" means the director of the ~~[office
for]~~ space commercialization division;

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1 C. "division" means the space commercialization
2 division;

3 D. "secretary" means the secretary of economic
4 development; [and]

5 E. "space" means any location beyond altitudes of
6 sixty thousand feet above the earth's mean sea level; and

7 [E.] E. "spaceport" means an installation and
8 related facilities [utilized] used for the launching, landing,
9 recovery, servicing and monitoring of vehicles capable of
10 entering or returning from space. "

11 Section 2. Section 9-15-44 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1994,
12 Chapter 127, Section 3, as amended) is amended to read:

13 "9-15-44. [~~OFFICE FOR~~] SPACE COMMERCIALIZATION DIVISION
14 CREATED--DUTIES OF DIRECTOR.--

15 A. The "[~~office for~~] space commercialization
16 division" is created as a division in the economic development
17 department.

18 B. The duties of the [~~office for space~~
19 ~~commercialization~~] division shall be discharged by a director,
20 who shall be hired by the secretary.

21 C. The director shall:

22 (1) employ such other staff as is necessary to
23 carry out the work of the [~~office for space commercialization~~]
24 division and the commission and the purposes of [~~the Spaceport~~
25 ~~Development Act~~] Sections 9-15-43 through 9-15-47 NMSA 1978

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1 (2) discharge the responsibilities of the
2 [~~office for space commercialization~~] division in accordance with
3 the policies established and approved by the secretary;

4 (3) administer federally funded grants for the
5 purpose of determining the feasibility of developing and
6 operating a regional spaceport and other space
7 development-related activities in the state;

8 (4) manage all aspects of the spaceport
9 program;

10 (5) coordinate the promotion and marketing of
11 space-related resources of New Mexico and a regional spaceport;

12 (6) serve as the interface between New Mexico
13 and national and international users of the regional spaceport;

14 (7) schedule user mission support with other
15 elements of the regional spaceport;

16 (8) develop a comprehensive inventory of New
17 Mexico's space-related assets;

18 (9) cooperate with the commission in performing
19 tasks necessary to establish the criteria for overflight; and

20 (10) support the commission in executing the
21 tasks approved by the secretary. "

22 Section 3. Section 9-15-45 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1994,
23 Chapter 127, Section 4, as amended) is amended to read:

24 "9-15-45. COMMISSION CREATED-- MEMBERSHIP. --

25 A. The "[~~spaceport~~] space commission" is created.

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1 The commission is administratively attached to the department.

2 B. The commission is composed of up to eleven voting
3 members. Three members shall be ex officio and ~~four~~ all
4 others shall be appointed by the governor. The ex-officio
5 members are the secretary, the ~~secretary of finance and~~
6 ~~administration~~ governor's science adviser and the lieutenant
7 governor. In selecting the appointed members of the commission,
8 the governor shall appoint at least three members knowledgeable
9 of ~~the~~ government and commercial space ~~industry~~ activities.
10 One member shall be a resident of Sierra county, one member
11 shall be a representative of a federal space development project
12 in the state and one member shall be a representative of one of
13 the state's national laboratories

14 C. Appointed members of the commission shall serve
15 for terms of three years; provided, when making his initial
16 appointments, the governor shall appoint one member to a term of
17 one year, two members to terms of two years and ~~three~~ two
18 members to terms of three years.

19 D. The governor shall appoint a chairman of the
20 commission from among the appointed members. Other necessary
21 officers shall be elected by the commission from among its
22 membership.

23 E. Commission members shall meet at the call of the
24 chairman, not less than four times a year. Meetings shall be
25 conducted in different geographic locations in the state on an

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1 alternating basis.

2 F. Members of the commission appointed by the
3 governor [~~of the state of New Mexico~~] shall be reimbursed for
4 per diem and mileage pursuant to the Per Diem and Mileage Act,
5 but shall not receive any other compensation, perquisite or
6 allowance. "

7 Section 4. Section 9-15-46 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1994,
8 Chapter 127, Section 5, as amended) is amended to read:

9 "9-15-46. COMMISSION-- POWERS-- DUTIES. --The commission
10 shall:

11 A. in cooperation with the [~~office for space~~
12 ~~commercialization~~] division, promote [~~spaceport~~] the development
13 of a spaceport and [~~space-related~~] other space development-
14 related activities in the state;

15 B. advise the secretary on methods for soliciting
16 and accepting, on behalf of the state, federal, state, local and
17 private funds for the purpose of developing, constructing,
18 maintaining and operating a regional spaceport and other space
19 development-related projects;

20 C. act in an advisory capacity to the secretary on
21 matters that pertain to the development and operation of [~~the~~
22 ~~regional spaceport~~] space development-related projects;

23 D. advise the secretary on methods for providing for
24 the development, construction and acceptance of a regional
25 spaceport; and

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E. report annually to the governor and the legislature on the status of the ~~[regional spaceport and other space-related]~~ space development-related activities and projects undertaken by the commission. "

Section 5. REPEAL. -- Section 9-15-42 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1994, Chapter 127, Section 1) is repealed.

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House of Representatives**

FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION, 1997

March 6, 1997

Mr. Speaker:

Your BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE, to whom has
been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with
recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the
APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Luna, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 9 For 0 Against

Yes: 9

Excused: Getty, Gubbels, Kissner, Varela

Absent: None

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March 8, 1997

Mr. Speaker:

Your APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE, to
whom has been referred

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recommendation that it DO PASS.

Respectfully submitted,

Max Coll, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 10 For 0 Against

Yes: 10

Excused: Bird, Buffett, Coll, Marquardt, Pearce, Picraux,
Salazar

Absent: None

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March 14, 1997

Mr. President:

Your CORPORATIONS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, to
whom has been referred

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recommendation that it DO PASS.

Respectfully submitted,

Roman M. Maes, III, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 7 For 0 Against

Yes: 7

No: 0

Excused: Fidel, Griego, Robinson

Absent: None

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