

AN ACT

RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT; INCREASING EDUCATIONAL  
REQUIREMENTS FOR PROSPECTIVE STATE POLICE OFFICERS;  
INCREASING SALARY LEVELS FOR ALL STATE POLICE OFFICERS;  
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

Section 1. 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  
the chief, shall:

- (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) at the time of their appointment, have  
completed not less than sixty hours of college credit;
- (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 the New  
Mexico state police may require.

B. 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 2. APPROPRIATION. -- Four million seventy-three thousand four hundred dollars (\$4,073,400) is appropriated from the general fund to the department of public safety for expenditure in fiscal year 1999 for the purpose of providing all state police officers with a salary increase, subject to satisfactory job performance. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 1999 shall revert to the general fund.

Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. -- The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 1998. \_\_\_\_\_