AN ACT

RELATING TO FIREARMS; AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY DISPLAY OF AN INOPERATIVE FIREARM IN A LICENSED LIQUOR ESTABLISHMENT; AMENDING A SECTION OF THE NMSA 1978.

- BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:
- Section 1. Section 30-7-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1975, Chapter 149, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:
- "30-7-3. UNLAWFUL CARRYING OF A FIREARM IN LICENSED LIQUOR ESTABLISHMENTS.--
- A. Unlawful carrying of a firearm in an establishment licensed to dispense alcoholic beverages consists of carrying a loaded or unloaded firearm on any premises licensed by the regulation and licensing department for the dispensing of alcoholic beverages except:
- (1) by a law enforcement officer in the lawful discharge of his duties;
- (2) by the owner, lessee, tenant or operator of the licensed premises or his agents, including privately employed security personnel during the performance of their duties;
- (3) by a person in that area of the licensed premises usually and primarily rented on a daily or short-term basis for sleeping or residential occupancy, including hotel or motel rooms;

- (4) by a person on that area of a licensed premises primarily utilized for vehicular traffic or parking;
 or
- (5) for the purpose of temporary display,
 provided that the firearm is:
- (a) made completely inoperative before it is carried onto the licensed premises and remains inoperative while it is on the licensed premises; and
- (b) under the control of the licensee or an agent of the licensee while the firearm is on the licensed premises.
- B. Whoever commits unlawful carrying of a firearm in an establishment licensed to dispense alcoholic beverages is guilty of a fourth degree felony."

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provisions	of	this	act	is	July	1,	1999	•				