

AN ACT
RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT; REQUIRING CRIMINAL HISTORY
SCREENING FOR APPLICANTS FOR THE NEW MEXICO MOUNTED PATROL;
ENACTING A NEW SECTION OF THE NMSA 1978.

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

Section 1. A new section of Chapter 29, Article 6 NMSA
1978 is enacted to read:

"MOUNTED PATROL--APPLICANTS--CRIMINAL HISTORY
SCREENING--DENIAL OF COMMISSION.--

A. As used in this section:

(1) "criminal record" means information concerning a person's arrests, indictments or other formal criminal charges and any dispositions arising from them, including convictions, dismissals, acquittals, sentencing and correctional supervision, collected by criminal justice agencies and stored in the databases of the federal bureau of investigation, the national law enforcement telecommunications system, the department of public safety or the repositories of criminal history information of other states; and

(2) "criminal history screening" means a criminal history background investigation of an applicant for the New Mexico mounted patrol conducted by using fingerprints collected by the department of public safety or a local law enforcement agency and submitted to the federal bureau of investigation.

B. The New Mexico mounted patrol shall perform a criminal history screening on all applicants for mounted patrol. If an applicant has a criminal record, his

