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SENATE BILL 475

44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999

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AN ACT

RELATING TO CIVIL ACTIONS; PROVIDING FOR MANDATORY AWARD OF
ATTORNEY FEES TO THE PREVAILING PARTY; PROVIDING EXCEPTIONS.

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

Section 1. A new section of Chapter 39, Article 2 NMSA
1978 is enacted to read:

" NEW MATERIAL MANDATORY AWARD OF ATTORNEY FEES IN CIVIL
ACTIONS--EXCEPTIONS.--In a civil action in a district,
magistrate, metropolitan or municipal court, attorney fees
shall be awarded to the prevailing party, except in those
cases when a specific provision of a statute provides
otherwise. "

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