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HOUSE BILL

52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HAZING; ENACTING THE HAZING ACT; PROVIDING PENALTIES.

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

SECTION 1. [NEW MATERIAL] SHORT TITLE.--This act may be cited as the "Hazing Act".

SECTION 2. [NEW MATERIAL] HAZING.--A person commits hazing who knowingly requires the performance of any act by a student or other person in a school, college, university or other educational institution of this state for the purpose of induction or admission into any group, organization or society associated or connected with that institution if:

A. the act is not sanctioned or authorized by that educational institution; and

B. the act results in bodily harm to any person.

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SECTION 3. [NEW MATERIAL] PENALTY.--

A. Whoever commits hazing is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be sentenced pursuant to the provisions of Section 31-19-1 NMSA 1978.

B. Whoever commits hazing resulting in death is guilty of a fourth degree felony pursuant to the provisions of Section 31-18-15 NMSA 1978.

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