

AN ACT

RELATING TO CRIMINAL LAW; INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR THE
CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF BATTERY AGAINST A HOUSEHOLD MEMBER;
AMENDING THE ELEMENTS OF THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF AGGRAVATED
BATTERY AGAINST A HOUSEHOLD MEMBER; AMENDING SECTIONS OF THE
NMSA 1978.

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

Section 1. Section 30-3-15 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1995,
Chapter 221, Section 6) is amended to read:

"30-3-15. BATTERY AGAINST A HOUSEHOLD MEMBER. --

A. Battery against a household member consists of
the unlawful, intentional touching or application of force to
the person of a household member, when done in a rude,
insolent or angry manner.

B. Whoever commits battery against a household
member is guilty of a misdemeanor."

Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. --The effective date of the
provisions of this act is July 1, 2001. _____