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SENATE BILL 550

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HIGHWAYS; ALLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED ON CERTAIN HIGHWAY SIGNS.

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

Section 1. Section 67-15-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1977, Chapter 271, Section 3) is amended to read:

"67-15-3. STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT-- ENFORCEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION DUTIES. --The state highway and transportation department shall:

A. establish within the department an office of highway litter control. Such office shall be charged with the administration and enforcement of the Clean Highways Act and shall supervise designated personnel within each of the highway district offices who shall implement litter control programs within that district; [~~and~~]

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1 B. institute through the office of highway litter
2 control a continuous and aggressive litter control program on
3 the roads and highways of this state, which shall include:

4 (1) the hiring of special litter removal crews
5 composed of unemployed, underemployed and young persons to
6 regularly police litter from the roads and highways of this
7 state and the rights of way of such roads and highways;
8 provided, that in employing such persons, the department shall
9 give strong consideration to the unemployed and underemployed
10 levels in each highway district;

11 (2) [~~initiate~~] the initiation and [~~supervise~~]
12 supervision of litter removal and collection programs by civic
13 groups, youth organizations and summer vacation students, [~~and~~
14 ~~to provide~~] providing a method of reimbursement to such groups
15 and persons based on the number of pounds of such litter
16 removed from the roads and highways and [~~to assist~~] assisting
17 such removal whenever possible by the use of available state
18 highway and transportation department vehicles;

19 (3) the design and installation of appropriate
20 signs along the roads and highways urging the traveling public
21 to observe proper litter control;

22 (4) the design and furnishing of litter
23 control bags for the traveling public bearing a statewide
24 litter symbol and a statement of the penalties provided by law
25 for littering, such bags to be distributed at rest stops, ports

1 of entry and other suitable places where the traveling public
2 has access; and

3 (5) the providing of additional litter control
4 receptacles at appropriate places along the roads and highways
5 of this state and [~~for~~] the regular and periodic removal and
6 collection of litter from such receptacles; and

7 C. allow signs that are installed as part of the
8 adopt-a-highway program to list, in addition to the sponsor's
9 name, contact information for the sponsor."

10 Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. --The effective date of the
11 provisions of this act is July 1, 2003.

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