

AN ACT

RELATING TO TIMBER; ENACTING A NEW SECTION OF CHAPTER 68 NMSA 1978 TO PROTECT WILDLAND FIREFIGHTERS RESPONDING TO WILDLAND FIRES FROM CRIMINAL LIABILITY.

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

Section 1. A new section of Chapter 68 NMSA 1978 is enacted to read:

"WILDLAND FIREFIGHTERS NOT SUBJECT TO CRIMINAL LIABILITY.--Employees or agents of governmental entities who authorize volunteer firefighters not certified according to national wildland firefighting standards to respond to wildland fires shall not be subject to criminal liability solely for allowing those volunteer firefighters to engage in firefighting activities."

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