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AN ACT

RELATING TO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICTS; AUTHORIZING REGIONAL
TRANSIT DISTRICTS TO EMPLOY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS;
PROVIDING POWERS AND DUTIES OF COMMUTER RAIL SERVICE LAW
ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.

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

Section 1. Section 73-25-1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2003,
Chapter 65, Section 1) is amended to read:

"73-25-1. SHORT TITLE.--Chapter 73, Article 25 NMSA
1978 may be cited as the "Regional Transit District Act"."

Section 2. A new section of the Regional Transit
District Act is enacted to read:

"AUTHORIZATION TO EMPLOY COMMUTER RAIL SERVICE LAW
ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS--POWERS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS.--

A. A district that operates a commuter rail
service may employ commuter rail service law enforcement
officers for the district and assign duties to the officers.

B. At all times while on duty, commuter rail
service law enforcement officers shall carry commissions of
office issued by the district. Commuter rail service law
enforcement officers shall have the powers of peace officers
on all property, tracks, rights of way, easements, vehicles,
buses, vans, railcars, locomotives and facilities owned,
leased, licensed, maintained or operated by the district.

1 Within this territory, a commuter rail service law
2 enforcement officer may enforce all applicable laws,
3 ordinances and regulations, but no arrest for violation of
4 any law, ordinance or regulation is valid unless, at the time
5 of arrest, the commuter rail service law enforcement officer
6 is wearing:

7 (1) a distinctive badge bearing the name of
8 the district issued by the district; or

9 (2) a distinctive uniform prescribed and
10 issued by the district.

11 C. A person employed by the district as a commuter
12 rail service law enforcement officer shall fulfill the
13 requirements for certification in Subsection A of Section
14 29-7-6 NMSA 1978 within one year of the date of first
15 employment.

16 D. A district may contract with other law
17 enforcement agencies to provide law enforcement services for
18 the district."

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