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AN ACT

RELATING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTERS; CLARIFYING THAT
REQUIRING A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TO SHOW A VALID SEARCH
WARRANT BEFORE ALLOWING ENTRANCE INTO A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
SHELTER DOES NOT CONSTITUTE THE CRIME OF RESISTING OR
OBSTRUCTING AN OFFICER OR HARBORING A FELON.

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

Section 1. ENTRY INTO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SAFE HOUSE OR
SHELTER--SEARCH WARRANT.--

A. It is not a violation of Section 30-22-1 or
Section 30-22-4 NMSA 1978 for a person who is a member,
resident, employee or volunteer of or is otherwise associated
with a domestic violence safe house or shelter to request
that a law enforcement officer show a valid search warrant
before allowing the officer to enter the domestic violence
safe house or shelter. Nothing in this section shall prevent
a law enforcement officer from executing a valid search
warrant.

B. Prior to attempting to serve an arrest warrant
within a domestic violence safe house or shelter, a law
enforcement officer shall obtain a valid search warrant,
unless exigent circumstances exist necessitating immediate
entry.