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AN ACT

RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT; ALLOWING THE CHIEF OF THE STATE POLICE TO DETERMINE THE TIME PERIOD IN WHICH A MEMBER OF THE NEW MEXICO STATE POLICE MAY COMPLETE THE REQUIRED HOURS OF COLLEGE CREDIT.

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

Section 1. Section 29-2-6 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1941, Chapter 147, Section 6, as amended) is amended to read:

"29-2-6. QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS.--

A. Members of the New Mexico state police, except the chief, shall:

(1) at the time of their appointment, be citizens of the United States;

(2) at the time of their appointment, have reached twenty-one years of age;

(3) except as otherwise provided in Subsection B of this section, at the time of their appointment, have completed at least sixty hours of college credit;

(4) be of good moral character and not have been convicted of a felony or infamous crime in the courts of this state or other state or any country or in the federal courts; and

(5) pass a physical examination the New

1 Mexico state police may require.

2 B. Notwithstanding the requirement of Paragraph  
3 (3) of Subsection A of this section, the chief may appoint a  
4 member of the New Mexico state police who has at least thirty  
5 hours of college credit, and the chief shall determine an  
6 appropriate time period after appointment for the member to  
7 complete the additional thirty hours of college credit  
8 required.

9 C. A person shall not be commissioned a member of  
10 the New Mexico state police who is related by blood or  
11 marriage within the fourth degree to a member of the public  
12 safety advisory commission."

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