

SENATE PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL 151

50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2011

AN ACT

RELATING TO HUMAN RIGHTS; ENSURING ACCESS TO AND DELIVERY OF
ESSENTIAL SERVICES; REQUIRING STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES TO
RENDER ASSISTANCE DURING A DISASTER OR EMERGENCY; LIMITING THE
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION OR DOCUMENTATION FROM VICTIMS OR
EVACUEES ONLY TO DETERMINE THEIR ELIGIBILITY FOR SERVICES UNDER
STATE OR FEDERAL LAW; PROHIBITING INQUIRING INTO IMMIGRATION
STATUS IN CERTAIN LOCATIONS PROVIDING ESSENTIAL SERVICES;
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

**SECTION 1. ACCESS TO EMERGENCY SERVICES--FIRST RESPONDERS
LIMITED INQUIRY.--**

A. During a disaster, state and local agencies
shall render assistance to victims and evacuees to alleviate
suffering and meet the basic needs of affected victims and

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1 evacuees and only elicit information or documentation from a
2 victim or evacuee to determine eligibility for services under
3 state and federal laws.

4 B. State and local agencies providing emergency
5 services shall provide assistance and services and only elicit
6 information or documentation from a victim or evacuee to
7 determine eligibility for services under state and federal
8 laws.

9 C. A law enforcement officer, emergency medical
10 technician or firefighter responding to an emergency or a call
11 for assistance shall render aid and assistance without
12 inquiring into the immigration status of a person at the scene.

13 SECTION 2. LIMITED INQUIRY IN DESIGNATED LOCATIONS.--A
14 law enforcement officer shall not inquire into the immigration
15 status of a person located within three hundred yards of a
16 school or institution of higher learning, hospital or medical
17 center or place of worship.

18 SECTION 3. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public
19 peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.