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SENATE BILL 476

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

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AN ACT

RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT; AMENDING A SECTION OF CHAPTER 29,  
ARTICLE 2 NMSA 1978 TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT FOR COLLEGE  
CREDITS AS A QUALIFICATION TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NEW MEXICO  
STATE POLICE.

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;

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

4                    ~~(4)]~~ (3) be of good moral character and not  
5                    have been convicted of a felony or infamous crime in the courts  
6                    of this state or other state or any country or in the federal  
7                    courts; and

8                    [~~(5)]~~ (4) pass a physical examination the New  
9                    Mexico state police may require.

10                    [~~B. Notwithstanding the requirement of Paragraph~~  
11                    ~~(3) of Subsection A of this section, the chief may appoint a~~  
12                    ~~member of the New Mexico state police who has at least thirty~~  
13                    ~~hours of college credit, and the chief shall determine an~~  
14                    ~~appropriate time period after appointment for the member to~~  
15                    ~~complete the additional thirty hours of college credit~~  
16                    ~~required.~~

17                    G.] B. A person shall not be commissioned a member  
18                    of the New Mexico state police who is related by blood or  
19                    marriage within the fourth degree to a member of the public  
20                    safety advisory commission."