AN ACT

RELATING TO TRAFFIC CITATIONS; REQUIRING A SPACE FOR A PHYSICAL AND MAILING ADDRESS IN THE UNIFORM TRAFFIC CITATION.

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

SECTION 1. Section 66-8-128 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978, Chapter 35, Section 536, as amended) is amended to read:

"66-8-128. UNIFORM TRAFFIC CITATION.--

A. The department shall prepare a uniform traffic citation containing at least the following information:

(1) an information section, serially numbered and containing spaces for the name, physical address and mailing address, city and state of the individual charged; the individual's physical description, age and sex; the registration number, year and state of the vehicle involved and its make and type; the state and number of the individual's driver's license; the specific section number and common name of the offense charged under the NMSA 1978 or local law; the date and time of arrest; the arresting officer's signature and identification number; and the conditions existing at the time of the violation;

(2) a notice to appear; and

(3) a penalty assessment notice with a place for the signature of the violator agreeing to pay the penalty assessment prescribed. HJC/HB 458

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B. The department shall prescribe how the uniform traffic citation form may be used as a warning notice.

C. The department shall prescribe the size and number of copies of the paper version of the uniform traffic citation and the disposition of each copy. The department may also prescribe one or more electronic versions of the uniform traffic citation, and these electronic versions may be used in the issuance of citations.

D. Any entity that wishes to submit uniform traffic citations required to be submitted to the department by electronic means shall secure the prior permission of the department."

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
provisions of this act is July 1, 2011._________ HJC/HB 458
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