

1 SENATE BILL 262

2 **51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO CRIMINAL LAW; PROVIDING FOR THE CRIMES OF
12 STRANGULATION AND SUFFOCATION; MAKING STRANGULATION AND
13 SUFFOCATION THIRD DEGREE FELONIES.

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

16 SECTION 1. A new section of the Criminal Code, Section
17 30-3-3.1 NMSA 1978, is enacted to read:

18 "30-3-3.1. [NEW MATERIAL] STRANGULATION--SUFFOCATION.--

19 A. Strangulation consists of knowingly or
20 intentionally touching or applying force to another person's
21 neck or throat, the result of which impedes the person's normal
22 breathing or blood circulation.

23 B. Suffocation consists of knowingly or
24 intentionally touching or applying force that blocks the nose
25 or mouth of another person, the result of which impedes the

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1 person's normal breathing or blood circulation.

2 C. Whoever commits strangulation or suffocation is
3 guilty of a third degree felony."

4 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
5 provisions of this act is July 1, 2013.

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