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HOUSE BILL 225

54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES; REQUIRING THE STATE TO SUBMIT
INSURANCE CLAIMS FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY OF SEARCH AND RESCUE
VOLUNTEERS DAMAGED IN THE COURSE OF AN AUTHORIZED MISSION.

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

SECTION 1. Section 24-15A-5 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978,
Chapter 107, Section 5, as amended) is amended to read:

"24-15A-5. STATE SEARCH AND RESCUE RESOURCE OFFICER--
POWERS AND DUTIES.--The state search and rescue resource
officer shall, with the approval of the director:

A. compile, maintain and disseminate an inventory
of resources available in the state;

B. compile, maintain and disseminate rosters of
persons, agencies and organizations available for search and
rescue purposes;

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1 C. develop a training program for the certification
2 of search and rescue instructors and, by regulation, adopt a
3 system of certification of search and rescue persons;

4 D. act as contact agent for the state in search and
5 rescue matters;

6 E. develop and periodically review requirements for
7 insurance coverage for search and rescue volunteers;

8 F. coordinate the training of mission initiators
9 and field coordinators; ~~and~~

10 G. maintain records of missions at the state SAR
11 control agency; and

12 H. submit to the risk management division of the
13 general services department claims for coverage pursuant to
14 Section 13-5-1 NMSA 1978 for damage to personal property of
15 volunteers incurred in the course and scope of an authorized
16 search and rescue mission."

17 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
18 provisions of this act is July 1, 2019.

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