1	AN ACT	
2	RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES; REQUIRING THE STATE TO SUBMIT	
3	INSURANCE CLAIMS FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY OF SEARCH AND RESCUE	
4	VOLUNTEERS DAMAGED IN THE COURSE OF AN AUTHORIZED MISSION.	
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6	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:	
7	SECTION 1. Section 24-15A-5 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978,	
8	Chapter 107, Section 5, as amended) is amended to read:	
9	"24-15A-5. STATE SEARCH AND RESCUE RESOURCE OFFICER	
10	POWERS AND DUTIESThe state search and rescue resource	
11	officer shall, with the approval of the director:	
12	A. compile, maintain and disseminate an inventory	
13	of resources available in the state;	
14	B. compile, maintain and disseminate rosters of	
15	persons, agencies and organizations available for search and	
16	rescue purposes;	
17	C. develop a training program for the	
18	certification of search and rescue instructors and, by	
19	regulation, adopt a system of certification of search and	
20	rescue persons;	
21	D. act as contact agent for the state in search	
22	and rescue matters;	
23	E. develop and periodically review requirements	
24	for insurance coverage for search and rescue volunteers;	
25	F. coordinate the training of mission initiators	HB 225 Page l

1	and field coordinators;	
2	G. maintain records of missions at the state SAR	
3	control agency; and	
4	H. submit to the risk management division of the	
5	general services department claims for coverage pursuant to	
6	Section 13-5-1 NMSA 1978 for damage to personal property of	
7	volunteers incurred in the course and scope of an authorized	
8	search and rescue mission."	
9	SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATEThe effective date of the	
10	provisions of this act is July 1, 2019	
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