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AN ACT

RELATING TO UNIVERSITY POLICE OFFICERS; EXTENDING THE
AUTHORITY OF UNIVERSITY POLICE OFFICERS TO IMMEDIATELY
ADJACENT ROADWAYS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 29-5-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1968,
Chapter 62, Section 154, as amended) is amended to read:

"29-5-2. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS--UNIVERSITY POLICE
OFFICERS.--

A. The board of regents of each state educational
institution designated in Article 12, Section 11 of the
constitution of New Mexico may employ and assign duties of
university police officers for the institution.

B. At all times while on duty, university police
officers shall carry commissions of office issued by the
board of regents. University police officers have the powers
of peace officers within the exterior boundaries of lands
under control of the board of regents employing them,
including public streets and highways within the boundaries,
or immediately adjacent to a campus where students are
educated. Within this territory, a university police officer
may enforce all applicable laws, ordinances and campus
traffic regulations, but no arrest for violation of any law,
ordinance or campus traffic regulation relating to motor

1 vehicles is valid unless, at the time of arrest, the
2 university police officer is wearing:

3 (1) a distinctive badge bearing the name of
4 the institution, issued to the officer by the board of
5 regents; or

6 (2) a distinctive uniform prescribed and
7 issued to the officer by the board of regents."

8 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
9 provisions of this act is July 1, 2019. _____

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