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HOUSE BILL 906

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

INTRODUCED BY
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AN ACT

RELATING TO CRIMINAL LAW; CREATING THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF
AGGRAVATED EVADING OF AN OFFICER; ENACTING A NEW SECTION OF THE
NMSA 1978.

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

Section 1. A new Section 30-22-1.1 NMSA 1978 is enacted to
read:

"30-22-1.1. [NEW MATERIAL] AGGRAVATED EVADING OF AN
OFFICER. --

A. Aggravated evading of an officer consists of
willfully refusing to bring a motor vehicle to a stop when given
a visual or audible signal to stop, whether by hand, voice,
emergency light, flashing light, siren or other signal, by a
uniformed officer in an appropriately marked police vehicle and
then driving the fleeing motor vehicle in a reckless manner that

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jeopardizes the safety of:

- (1) the general public;
- (2) the person driving the fleeing motor vehicle or any occupants in his motor vehicle; or
- (3) the officer seeking to stop the fleeing motor vehicle.

B. Whoever commits aggravated evading of an officer is guilty of a fourth degree felony."

Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. -- The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 1997.

State of New Mexico House of Representatives

FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION, 1997

March 7, 1997

Mr. Speaker:

Your JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with
recommendation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:

1. On page 1, line 21, strike "willfully refusing" and insert in lieu thereof "the intentional refusal".
2. On page 1, line 23, strike the third occurrence of a comma.
3. On page 1, strike line 25 in its entirety and insert in lieu thereof "the reckless driving of a motor vehicle with the intention of fleeing from a uniformed officer in pursuit of the vehicle and endangering".
4. On page 2, line 1, strike "jeopardizes".

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5. On page 2, strike lines 2 through 6 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"(1) an officer in pursuit of the fleeing vehicle;

(2) a pedestrian in the immediate vicinity of the fleeing vehicle; or

(3) the occupants of any other vehicle in the immediate vicinity of the fleeing vehicle.".,

and thence referred to the APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas P. Foy, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 10 For 0 Against

Yes: 10

Excused: Luna, Rios, Sanchez

Absent: None

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