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HOUSE BILL 1278

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

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDS; PROVIDING THAT IMPROVEMENTS AND WATER RIGHTS PLACED ON LAND PRIOR TO MAY 1, 1997 ARE INCLUDED IN THE DEFINITION OF "IMPROVEMENTS"; AMENDING A SECTION OF THE NMSA 1978.

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

Section 1. Section 19-7-15 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1963, Chapter 237, Section 2, as amended) is amended to read:

"19-7-15. DEFINITION OF IMPROVEMENTS. --The word "improvements", ~~[herein]~~ as used in Sections 19-7-14 through 19-7-18 NMSA 1978, shall include appurtenant water rights and all improvements placed upon the land in compliance with Section ~~[7-8-53 NMSA 1953]~~ 19-7-51 NMSA 1978, and shall include those appurtenant water rights and improvements placed upon the land prior to ~~[March 1, 1955]~~ May 1, 1997, whether or not the value

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1 [be] is in excess of the amount prescribed by Section [~~7-8-53~~
2 ~~NMSA 1953~~] 19-7-51 NMSA 1978. Appurtenant water rights and
3 improvements placed upon the land after [~~March 1, 1955~~] May 1,
4 1997 but prior to [~~March 1, 1975~~] May 1, 2007 may be included by
5 the commissioner in accordance with rules and regulations
6 adopted by the commissioner. "

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