

AN ACT

RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN DOCUMENTS
IN A PEACE OFFICER'S PERSONNEL FILE ARE CONFIDENTIAL;
AMENDING A SECTION OF THE PEACE OFFICER'S EMPLOYER-EMPLOYEE
RELATIONS ACT.

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

Section 1. Section 29-14-7 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1991,
Chapter 117, Section 7) is amended to read:

"29-14-7. PERSONNEL FILES.--

A. No document containing comments adverse to a
peace officer shall be entered into his personnel file,
unless the officer has read and signed the document. When an
officer refuses to sign a document containing comments
adverse to him, the document may be entered into an officer's
personnel file if:

(1) the officer's refusal to sign is noted
on the document by the chief administrator of the officer's
employer; and

(2) the notation regarding the officer's
refusal to sign the document is witnessed by a third party.

B. A peace officer may file a written response to
any document containing adverse comments entered into his
personnel file, and the response shall be filed with the
officer's employer within thirty days after the document was

