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Governor Richardson Announces New Laws to Take Effect

New State laws go into effect July 1, 2007

SANTA FE – Governor Bill Richardson signed numerous bills into law during the 2007 Legislative session, many of which go into effect on July 1, 2007. A complete list of bills which go into effect can be found below.

HB 584/SB 561 High School Redesign

The High School Redesign law targets gaps between middle school, high school, college and career, and raises expectations for New Mexico students. The legislation, effective for students entering high school in 2009-2010, requires four years of math with at least one course of Algebra II or higher, four years of English, and three years each of laboratory-based science and social studies for graduation. Algebra I will be made available in the eighth grade. At least one Advanced Placement, dual enrollment, or online course would also be mandatory for graduation. Thirty-four other states already committed to the increased graduation requirements. The law also pushes the legal drop out age to 18.

The High School Redesign law also requires the Public Education Department to establish an assessment system by the 2008-2009 school year to measure student readiness for success in college or career including high school readiness assessments in the 9th grade, college readiness assessments in the 10th grade, and a workplace readiness assessment in the 11th grade.

HB 188 Renewable Energy Transmission Authority

House Bill 188 is a landmark clean energy bill that creates the Renewable Energy Transmission Authority. The RETA will enable our state to export solar, wind and other

renewable energy and further build our high-wage, and high-tech economy. New Mexico is the first state in the nation to create a Renewable Energy Transmission Authority.

SB 418 Renewable Energy Portfolio Standards

This clean energy bill dramatically increases New Mexico's Renewable Portfolio Standard and requires our state's major utilities produce more of their electricity from diverse renewable sources. SB 418 quadruples New Mexico's use of clean electricity - requiring that at least 15% of an electric utility's power supply come from renewable sources by 2015 and 20% by 2020. Senate Bill 418 will help create new jobs, will protect our environment and health, and will protect New Mexico consumers from higher electrical rates caused by volatile natural gas problems.

HB 126/SB 437 Interlocks for Certain Out-of-State Drivers

This bill mandates ignition interlocks for out-of-state DWI offenders that move to New Mexico. HB 126 was a key recommendation of the Governor's DWI task force for the 2007 Legislature.

HB 216 Domestic Violence Victim Substitute Address

This law allows victims of domestic violence to create a substitute address if their safety is at risk. The address will remain confidential and guarded from data bases to ensure further safety of victims. The victim can use this address with any public agency, such as school districts or the Motor Vehicle Department.

SB 523 Compassionate Use Medical Marijuana Act

Starting July 2, the New Mexico Department of Health will accept patient applications for medical marijuana and written certification from providers. Eligible conditions are HIV/AIDS, cancer, glaucoma, multiple sclerosis, damage to the nervous tissue of the spinal cord with intractable spasticity and epilepsy. The DOH will closely monitor the program to prevent abuse. Patients and medical providers who have questions about the program should call Melissa Milam at 827-2321. Applications will be available at www.nmhealth.org.

Bill #	Sponsor	Title
HB 0021	Wallace	Juvenile Continuum Grant Fund
HB 0060	Miera	New Mexico Sentencing Commission Membership
HB 0061	Miera	Sex Offender Management Board Membership
HB 0124	Trujillo	Allow Removal of Partially Consumed Wine
HB 0126	K. Martinez	Interlocks for Certain Out-of-State Drivers
HB 0127	Gutierrez	Gift Certification Sale and Redemption Regulation
HB 0140	M.H. Garcia	Family Opportunity Accounts Act Eligibility
HB 0181	Arnold-Jones	Tax Filing Extensions and Filing Changes
HB 0182	Park	Amend Uniform Trust Code
HB 0188	J. Campos	Renewable Energy Transmission Authority
HB 0192	Chasey	Mediation Procedures Act
HB 0205	B. Lujan	State Aviation Fund Distributions and Uses

HB 0210	Cote	Free Access to Parks and Museums for Veterans
HB 0216	Cote	Domestic Violence Victim Substitute Address
HB 0227	Varela	Homeland Security and Emergency Management Act
HB 0231	Barela	Uniform Power of Attorney Act
HB 0247	Stewart	Unemployment Payment Rates Increases
HB 0266	Gonzales	Liquor Tax Distribution to Local DWI Fund
HB 0269	Gonzales	Sustainable Development Testing Site Act
HB 0279	Steinborn	Utility Disclosure of Consumer Information
HB 0291	Saavedra	Create Additional Judgeships
HB 0308	B. Lujan	Tribal College Affordability Scholarships
HB 0316	King	County Detention Facility Reimbursement Act
HB 0321	Wirth	Pedestrian Right of Way in Crosswalks
HB 0336	Gardner	Prohibit Certain Uses of Images of Children
HB 0340	Hall	Conform Chilili Land Grant Governing Statutes
HB 0374	Swisstack	Municipal Higher Education Gross Receipts
HB 0471	J. Campos	Establish Linked Deposit System
HB 0484	Stapleton	Firefighters' Survivors Fund Distributions
HB 0584	Stapleton	High School Redesign
HB 0588	Heaton	Concealed Handguns in Certain Businesses
HB 0590	Barela	Bone Marrow and Organ Donor Act
HB 0606	Heaton	Arts and Cultural Districts Act
HB 0610	Stewart	Solar Collector Construction Standards
HB 0738	Swisstack	Public Disclosure of Child Information
HB 0770	Cervantes	Fraud Against Taxpayers Act
HB 0783	Hall	Educational Entity Insurance Coverage
HB 0823	Cervantes	Prohibit Certain Acts by Public Officers
HB 0827	Nunez	Surface Owners Protection Act
HB 0955	Stapleton	Minority Business Assistance Act
HB 0959	Varela	Department of Information Technology Act
HB 0981	Park	Municipal Gross Receipts Maximum Aggregate
HB 1030	B. Lujan	Rural Electric Co-op Rate Change Protests
HB 1032	Gonzales	Water and Sanitation District Authority
HB 1052	McCoy	Driver Education School License Expirations
HB 1156	Sandoval	Various Election Code Changes
HB 1265	Silva	County Regional Transit Gross Receipts
HB 1276	Cervantes	Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act
HB 1280	Varela	Workforce Solutions Department Act
SB 0023	Komadina	Certain Healthcare Provider Limited Liability
SB 0156	Asbil	Charter School Program Cost Calculations
SB 0162	Neville	Twelve-Month Embezzlement Aggregation
SB 0165	Sharer	Security Freeze on Credit Report Information
SB 0186	Jennings	Law Enforcement Employee Benefits
SB 0201	R. Martinez	Real Property Electronic Recording Act
SB 0203	Beffort	Tax Audit Changes and Payments,
SB 0222	Altamirano	State Aviation Fund Distributions
SB 0227	P. Campos	Contractor Licensing and Public Works Projects

SB 0266	Griego	Penalties for Used Oil Violations
SB 0295	Griego	Gaming Control Board Director Salary
SB 0313	Griego	Create Surplus Property Bureau
SB 0340	J.G. Taylor	Oil and Gas Property Alternative Unit Valuation
SB 0347	J.G. Taylor	Expand Taxes Reported By Estimates
SB 0355	Ryan	Tribal College Affordability Scholarships
SB 0364	M. Sanchez	Lottery Board and Fund Distribution,
SB 0395	Nava	Public School Capital Outlay Omnibus Bill
SB 0397	Lopez	Child Helmet Safety Act
SB 0418	M. Sanchez	Renewable Energy Portfolio Standards
SB 0427	Griego	Transportation Services Division Authority
SB 0437	Griego	Interlocks for Certain Out-of-State Drivers
SB 0470	Leavell	Erroneous Public Land Payment Refunds
SB 0473	Rawson	Self-Insured Group Investment Guidelines
SB 0479	McSorley	Dispute Resolution and Prevention Office
SB 0483	Leavell	Property and Casualty Insurance Rate Forms
SB 0490	Rawson	Self-Insured Group Reporting Requirements
SB 0496	Griego	Weight Distance Tax and Penalties Enforcement
SB 0506	Duran	Independent Candidate Qualifications
SB 0523	Robinson	Compassionate Use Medical Marijuana Act
SB 0528	Neville	Criminal Sexual Penetration of Children
SB 0529	Rodriguez	Insurance Coverage for Child Hearing Aids
SB 0555	Griego	Procurement Code Requirements
SB 0561	Nava	High School Redesign
SB 0573	M. Sanchez	Tribal College Affordability Scholarships
SB 0621	R. Martinez	Private Investigator and Polygrapher Regulation
SB 0648	Asbill	School Bus Registration Alternatives
SB 0662	Cravens	Private Equity Funds for Tribal Investors
SB 0689	Nava	Lottery Scholarships for Disabled Students
SB 0735	Lopez	Child Solicitation by Electronic Device
SB 0776	Papen	Dental Surgery Insurance Coverage
SB 0820	Adair	Increase Domestic Violence Probation Time
SB 0886	Cisneros	Strategic Water Reserve Infrastructure
SB 0912	R. Martinez	Endangered Persons Advisories
SB 0923	Boitano	Real Estate Transaction Funding Deadlines
SB 0986	Rawson	Public Money Deposit Requirements
SB 0994	Cisneros	Coal Electricity Facility Gross Receipts
SB 1015	Papen	County Emergency Service and Communication Tax
SB 1058	Rodriguez	Rural Infrastructure Loan Cap and Scope
SB 1060	Rodriguez	Wastewater Facility Construction Loan Fund
SB 1074	Feldman	Disclosure by Procurement Contractors
SB 1092	Rodriguez	Domestic Violence Homicide Review Team
SB 1095	Nava	School Insurance due Process Reimbursement
SB 1106	Lopez	Criminal Sexual Communication with a Child
SB 1207	Ingle	Criminal Offense of Voyeurism

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