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Governor Richardson Outlaws Human Trafficking

SANTA FE – Governor Bill Richardson today signed Senate Bill 71, increasing penalties for human trafficking. The Governor signed SB 71, sponsored by Senator Mary Jane Garcia, at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces.

“Senate Bill 71 is one of the most important pieces of criminal legislation this session,” said Governor Richardson. “Human trafficking must be outlawed – human beings should not be treated as property and detained against their will.”

Senate Bill 71 makes engaging in human trafficking a felony offense. The bill makes it a third degree felony to traffic a person 16 or older, a second degree felony if the victim is between 13 to 15 years old and a first degree felony if the victim is under 12 years old.

Along with establishing penalties, a task force will be created to research and combat human trafficking in New Mexico.

Governor Richardson signed the following bills today:

SB 71	Create Offense for Human Trafficking
SB 34	New Mexico School for the Arts Act
SB 31	Expand Schools in Dual Credit Program
SB 460	College & Workplace Readiness Assessments
HB 89	Physician Assistant Requirements
HB 387	Locomotive Fuel Tax Exemption Effective Dates
HB 54	Define Probate Code “Security Account”
HB 33	Domestic Violence Treatment Fund Uses
SB 68	Increase Domestic Violence Penalties
HB 337	Sex Offense Victim Polygraph
SB 242	Property Donations to Cultural Affairs Department
SB 229	Real Estate Broker Insurance Premiums
HB 399	Self Rescue Devices in Coal Mines
SB 239	Election of Supreme Court Justice

HB 599

Tax Refund Contribution Corrections
