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SENATE MEMORIAL 84

**52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015**

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT AN INTERIM LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE CONSIDERING  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE ISSUES CONSIDER THE BENEFITS OF PASSING A NEW  
MEXICO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS SAFETY ACT MODELED ON THE  
FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS SAFETY ACT OF 2004.

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers are trained to the  
highest standards to protect and serve the public; and

WHEREAS, both active duty law enforcement officers and  
retired law enforcement officers play significant roles in  
safeguarding communities; and

WHEREAS, since its initial passage in 2004, the federal  
Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004, which allows  
qualified law enforcement officers and qualified retired or  
separated law enforcement officers to carry a concealed firearm  
in any jurisdiction in the United States or United States

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1 territories, regardless of state or local laws, with certain  
2 exceptions, has proven to be a boon to community safety across  
3 the nation; and

4 WHEREAS, the federal Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act  
5 of 2004 is a no-cost benefit to communities by allowing  
6 qualified active duty and retired law enforcement officers to  
7 carry concealed weapons to continue the core law enforcement  
8 officer mission of protecting the public; and

9 WHEREAS, criminals are never off duty, nor are they  
10 retired, and they will be armed in prohibited areas despite any  
11 laws to the contrary; and

12 WHEREAS, active duty and retired law enforcement officers  
13 should not be put in the position of not being able to defend  
14 themselves or others because of restrictions on where concealed  
15 weapons can be carried; and

16 WHEREAS, a New Mexico Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act  
17 would serve to complement the benefits of the federal Law  
18 Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
20 OF NEW MEXICO that an interim legislative committee that  
21 considers criminal justice issues be requested to hear  
22 testimony on the benefits of passing a Law Enforcement Officers  
23 Safety Act in New Mexico that is modeled on the federal Law  
24 Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

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1 transmitted to the co-chairs of the New Mexico legislative  
2 council.

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