HOUSE BILL 64

55TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2021

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AN ACT

RELATING TO CRIMINAL LAW; PROVIDING CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR THE
UNLAWFUL USE OF BODY ARMOR.

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

SECTION 1. A new section of the Criminal Code is enacted
to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] UNLAWFUL USE OF BODY ARMOR PROHIBITED--

Penalty.--

A. It is unlawful for a convicted felon to:

(1) knowingly possess body armor; or

(2) knowingly wear or otherwise use body armor
during the commission of a felony.

B. A convicted felon who knowingly possesses body
armor is guilty of a fourth degree felony. A convicted felon
who has not been convicted of a felony within ten years may

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possess body armor in the course of employment, provided that
the body armor is surrendered to the employer upon the
conclusion of employment.

C. A convicted felon who knowingly wears or
otherwise uses body armor during the commission of a felony is
guilty of a third degree felony.

D. For the purposes of this section, "body armor"
means an article of clothing or piece of equipment designed in
whole or in part to minimize the risk of injury from a deadly
weapon."