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HOUSE BILL 279

45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2002

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

**RELATING TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL; ESTABLISHING A DIVISION
WITHIN THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO ADDRESS CONCERNS
RELATED TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE TREATY OF GUADALUPE HIDALGO;
ENACTING A NEW SECTION OF THE NMSA 1978; MAKING AN
APPROPRIATION.**

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

**Section 1. A new section of Chapter 8, Article 5 NMSA
1978 is enacted to read:**

**"[NEW MATERIAL] GUADALUPE HIDALGO TREATY DIVISION--
REPORT. --**

**A. The "Guadalupe Hidalgo treaty division" is
established within the office of the attorney general.**

**B. The Guadalupe Hidalgo treaty division shall
review, oversee and address concerns relating to the**

underscored material = new
[bracketed material] = delete

1 provisions of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo that have not
2 been implemented or observed, pursuant to the provisions of
3 Article 2, Section 5 of the constitution of New Mexico and
4 Section 47-1-25 NMSA 1978.

5 C. The attorney general shall appoint personnel
6 for and designate the duties of the Guadalupe Hidalgo treaty
7 division.

8 D. The attorney general shall produce an annual
9 report regarding the findings and recommendations of the
10 Guadalupe Hidalgo treaty division. "

11 Section 2. APPROPRIATION. -- Two hundred thousand dollars
12 (\$200,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the office
13 of the attorney general for expenditure in fiscal year 2003 to
14 provide a salary and benefits, equipment and supplies for a
15 full-time employee to staff the Guadalupe Hidalgo treaty
16 division. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at
17 the end of fiscal year 2003 shall revert to the general fund.

18 Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. -- The effective date of the
19 provisions of this act is July 1, 2002.