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HOUSE BILL 206

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

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AN ACT

RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; CREATING THE CUBAN TRADE
OFFICE IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT; MAKING AN
APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. [NEW MATERIAL] SHORT TITLE.--This act may be
cited as the "Cuban Trade Act".

SECTION 2. [NEW MATERIAL] DEFINITIONS.--As used in the
Cuban Trade Act:

- A. "department" means the economic development
department;
- B. "director" means the director of the office;
- C. "office" means the Cuban trade office; and
- D. "secretary" means the secretary of economic
development.

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1 SECTION 3. ~~[NEW MATERIAL]~~ CUBAN TRADE OFFICE CREATED--
2 DUTIES AND POWERS.--

3 A. The "Cuban trade office" is created in the
4 department.

5 B. The secretary shall appoint a director of the
6 office.

7 C. The director shall:

8 (1) hire additional staff as necessary;

9 (2) supervise the work and activity of the
10 office;

11 (3) work with the department to promote trade
12 between New Mexico businesses and Cuba;

13 (4) in accordance with any federal limitations
14 on trade with and travel to Cuba:

15 (a) identify potential distribution
16 partners and buyers in Cuba for New Mexico goods and services;

17 (b) assist New Mexico businesses with
18 marketing the businesses' goods and services in Cuba;

19 (c) assess the market potential for New
20 Mexico businesses in Cuban markets; and

21 (d) accompany New Mexico businesses and
22 government officials to meetings in Cuba;

23 (5) respond to an inquiry by a New Mexico
24 business or the department related to the work of the office,
25 within five days of receipt of the inquiry; and

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1 (6) prepare an annual report on the work and
2 activities of the office and submit the report to the
3 department, the appropriate interim legislative committee and
4 the legislative finance committee.

5 D. The director may promulgate rules necessary to
6 implement the provisions of the Cuban Trade Act.

7 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION.--Twenty-five thousand dollars
8 (\$25,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the economic
9 development department for expenditure in fiscal year 2016 for
10 work pursuant to the Cuban Trade Act. Any unexpended or
11 unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2016
12 shall revert to the general fund.

13 SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
14 provisions of this act is July 1, 2015.

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