

1 HOUSE BILL 220

2 **52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS; RECOGNIZING THAT NATIONAL GUARD
12 MEMBERS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES FOR UP TO FOUR
13 HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$400,000) THROUGH THE FEDERAL
14 SERVICEMEMBERS' GROUP LIFE INSURANCE PROGRAM.

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

17 SECTION 1. Section 20-4-7.2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2005,
18 Chapter 2, Section 1) is amended to read:

19 "20-4-7.2. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.--

20 A. The legislature finds that:

21 (1) the [~~New Mexico~~] national guard of New
22 Mexico has a proud tradition of military service with thousands
23 of New Mexicans having answered the call of the nation and
24 served in the national guard;

25 (2) there have been instances in which the

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1 dependents of members of the [~~New Mexico~~] national guard of New
2 Mexico have been left without adequate financial resources when
3 a national guard member has been killed while on active duty;

4 (3) members of the [~~New Mexico~~] national guard
5 of New Mexico are now being asked to serve extended periods of
6 active duty in combat areas;

7 (4) members of the [~~New Mexico~~] national guard
8 of New Mexico are eligible for life insurance policies that are
9 currently limited to [~~two hundred fifty thousand dollars~~
10 ~~(\$250,000)~~] four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) through
11 the federal servicemembers' group life insurance program; and

12 (5) members of the [~~New Mexico~~] national guard
13 of New Mexico provide New Mexico and its citizens valuable
14 benefits through their service inside this state and through
15 their recently extended periods of active duty in combat areas
16 outside of New Mexico, and in exchange for these extended
17 periods of active duty they should receive assistance with
18 their premiums for the federal servicemembers' group life
19 insurance program.

20 B. The purpose of creating and funding the service
21 members' life insurance reimbursement fund is to provide a
22 benefit to members of the [~~New Mexico~~] national guard of New
23 Mexico in exchange for and in recognition of their assumption
24 of extended periods of active duty in combat areas, in addition
25 to their increased contributions to the safety and welfare of

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1 the citizens of the state of New Mexico."

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