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AN ACT

RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS; ALLOWING FOR THE AUTHORIZATION
OF WOMEN TO SERVE IN ANY POSITION OF THE ORGANIZED MILITIA.

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

SECTION 1. Section 20-2-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1987,
Chapter 318, Section 9) is amended to read:

"20-2-2. MILITIA COMPOSITION.--The militia is composed
of the organized and the unorganized militia.

A. The organized militia is the national guard and
the standing cadre of the state defense force and such parts
of the unorganized militia when and as may be activated,
enrolled or enlisted into the national guard or into the
state defense force.

B. The unorganized militia is comprised of all
able-bodied male citizens of the state and all other able-
bodied males who have or shall have declared their intentions
to become citizens of the United States and are residents of
the state who are not less than eighteen or more than forty-
five years of age, but who shall not be more than sixty-four
years of age if they shall have earlier served in or retired
from the national guard; subject to the following exceptions:

(1) persons exempted by the laws of the
United States from federal military service;

(2) persons who are engaged in civilian

1 occupations which are deemed by the governor to be of greater
2 public service or necessity than would be their service in
3 the militia if called into active service of the state;

4 (3) persons who have received dismissal, a
5 dishonorable discharge, a bad conduct discharge, an
6 undesirable discharge or a discharge under other than
7 honorable conditions from any military component; and

8 (4) persons in active federal military
9 service or retired military members subject to federal recall
10 to active military service.

11 C. The adjutant general may prescribe plans by
12 regulation for the orderly activating and detailing of the
13 unorganized militia and its members, to include mission
14 analysis and personnel classification. Enrollment or
15 enlistment of members of the unorganized militia may be into
16 the national guard, subject to federal criteria, or into the
17 state defense force, as determined by the governor.

18 D. The governor may authorize the voluntary
19 appointment or voluntary enlistment of female citizens of the
20 state into any military occupational specialty or career field
21 of the branches and services of the organized militia that is
22 consistent with current federal department of defense policy
23 and while so serving they shall have the same status as male
24 members."
