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

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

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