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AN ACT

RELATING TO SPORTS; REINSTITUTING THE SPORTS AUTHORITY  
DIVISION OF THE TOURISM DEPARTMENT; CHANGING THE MEMBERSHIP  
OF THE SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE; GIVING THE SECRETARY OF  
TOURISM APPOINTING AUTHORITY FOR THE COMMITTEE.

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

SECTION 1. Section 9-15A-10 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2007,  
Chapter 286, Section 2 and Laws 2007, Chapter 287, Section 2)  
is amended to read:

"9-15A-10. DUTIES OF THE SPORTS AUTHORITY DIVISION.--

A. The sports authority division of the department  
shall:

(1) develop an overall strategic plan for  
recruiting and retaining various forms of professional and  
amateur sporting events;

(2) identify existing infrastructure for  
sporting activities, identify and propose future  
infrastructure and locations and identify opportunities for  
private and public partnerships on infrastructure;

(3) foster relationships between sporting  
event organizers and event sponsors; and

(4) foster relationships among state and  
local agencies and provide advice and direction needed to  
increase the number and quality of sporting events held in

1 New Mexico.

2 B. The sports authority division may promulgate  
3 rules as necessary to:

4 (1) provide additional professional and  
5 amateur sports participation by New Mexico residents;

6 (2) provide for the welfare of participants  
7 in sporting events;

8 (3) provide for adequate safety measures for  
9 and ethical operation of sporting events;

10 (4) recruit and maintain professional and  
11 amateur sporting events to be held in New Mexico; and

12 (5) address the fiscal and tax implications  
13 of Paragraphs (1) through (4) of this subsection."

14 SECTION 2. Section 9-15A-11 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2007,  
15 Chapter 286, Section 3 and Laws 2007, Chapter 287, Section 3)  
16 is amended to read:

17 "9-15A-11. SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.--

18 A. The "sports advisory committee" is created to  
19 advise and support the sports authority division of the  
20 department.

21 B. The sports advisory committee consists of seven  
22 members of the public appointed by the secretary.

23 C. Members shall be appointed for four-year terms  
24 expiring on January 1 and shall serve at the pleasure of the  
25 secretary. Members serve until their successors have been

1 appointed and qualified. The secretary may fill any  
2 vacancies on the committee for the remainder of an unexpired  
3 term.

4 D. The committee may elect a chair and such other  
5 officers as it deems necessary to carry out its duties.

6 E. Members of the committee are entitled to  
7 receive per diem and mileage as provided for nonsalaried  
8 public officers in the Per Diem and Mileage Act and shall  
9 receive no other compensation, perquisite or allowance.

10 F. Representation on the committee shall resemble  
11 the demographics of New Mexico in conjunction with the three  
12 congressional districts. No more than three members shall be  
13 members of the same political party at the time of their  
14 appointments."

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