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HOUSE BILL 59

56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2023

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AN ACT

RELATING TO CRIMINAL LAW; CREATING THE CRIME OF UNLAWFUL
CARRYING OF A FIREARM WHILE TRAFFICKING A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE;
PROVIDING PENALTIES.

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

SECTION 1. A new section of Chapter 30, Article 7 NMSA
1978 is enacted to read:

"~~[NEW MATERIAL]~~ UNLAWFUL CARRYING OF A FIREARM WHILE
TRAFFICKING A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE.--Unlawful carrying of a
firearm while trafficking a controlled substance consists of
carrying a firearm while violating the provisions of Section
30-31-20 NMSA 1978. Whoever commits unlawful carrying of a
firearm while trafficking a controlled substance is guilty of a
third degree felony. As used in this section, "firearm" means
any weapon that will or is designed to or may readily be

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1 converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosion
2 or the frame or receiver of any such weapon."

3 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
4 provisions of this act is July 1, 2023.

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