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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.

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.--

The sports authority division of the department shall:

A. develop an overall strategic plan for
recruiting and retaining various forms of professional and
amateur sporting events;

B. identify existing infrastructure for sporting
activities, identify and propose future infrastructure and
locations and identify opportunities for private and public
partnerships on infrastructure;

C. inventory all high school and college sports
venues, including the date of the venue's original
construction and the venue's seating capacity;

D. inventory all public and private sports venues,
including little league fields, soccer fields, indoor
basketball courts and ice rinks;

E. foster relationships between sporting event

1 organizers and event sponsors;

2 F. foster relationships among state and local
3 agencies and provide advice and direction needed to increase
4 the number and quality of sporting events held in New Mexico;
5 and

6 G. make recommendations to the legislature to
7 enhance sports opportunities for students and young
8 athletes."

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

12 "9-15A-11. SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.--

13 A. The "sports advisory committee" is created to
14 advise and support the sports authority division of the
15 department.

16 B. The sports advisory committee consists of the
17 lieutenant governor or the lieutenant governor's designee,
18 who shall serve as chair of the committee, and ten members of
19 the public appointed by the governor.

20 C. Members shall be appointed for four-year terms
21 expiring on January 1 and shall serve at the pleasure of the
22 governor. Members serve until their successors have been
23 appointed and qualified. The governor may fill any vacancies
24 on the committee for the remainder of an unexpired term.

25 D. The committee may elect such other officers as

1 it deems necessary to carry out its duties.

2 E. Public members of the committee are entitled to
3 receive per diem and mileage as provided for nonsalaried
4 public officers in the Per Diem and Mileage Act and shall
5 receive no other compensation, perquisite or allowance.

6 F. Representation on the committee shall resemble
7 the demographics of New Mexico. No more than five public
8 members shall be members of the same political party at the
9 time of their appointments." _____

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