

1 HOUSE BILL 31
2 57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO CRIME; MAKING THE OFFENSE OF MAKING A SHOOTING
12 THREAT A FOURTH DEGREE FELONY.
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14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

15 SECTION 1. Section 30-20-16 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1975,
16 Chapter 285, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

17 "30-20-16. BOMB SCARES AND SHOOTING THREATS UNLAWFUL.--

18 A. Making a bomb scare consists of falsely and
19 maliciously stating to another person that a bomb or other
20 explosive has been placed in such a position that property or
21 persons are likely to be injured or destroyed.

22 B. Making a shooting threat consists of
23 intentionally communicating to another person an intent to
24 bring a firearm to a property or use the firearm with the
25 intent to:

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1 (1) place a person or group of persons in fear
2 of great bodily harm;

3 (2) prevent or interrupt the occupation or use
4 of a public building; or

5 (3) cause a response to the threat by a law
6 enforcement official or volunteer agency organized to deal with
7 emergencies.

8 C. Whoever commits making a bomb scare is guilty of
9 a fourth degree felony.

10 D. Whoever commits making a shooting threat is
11 guilty of a ~~[misdemeanor]~~ fourth degree felony.

12 E. A court may order a person convicted for the
13 offense of making a bomb scare or shooting threat to reimburse
14 the victim of the offense for economic harm caused by that
15 offense.

16 F. As used in this section, "economic harm" means
17 all direct, incidental and consequential financial harm
18 suffered by a victim of the offense of making a bomb scare or
19 shooting threat. "Economic harm" includes:

20 (1) wages, salaries or other compensation lost
21 as a result of the commission of the offense of making a bomb
22 scare or shooting threat;

23 (2) the cost of all wages, salaries or other
24 compensation paid to employees for time that those employees
25 are prevented from working as a result of the commission of the

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1 offense of making a bomb scare or shooting threat; and
2 (3) overhead costs incurred for the period of
3 time that a business is shut down as a result of the commission
4 of the offense of making a bomb scare or shooting threat."