SENATE BILL 123

57TH LEGISLATURE - **STATE OF NEW MEXICO** - **FIRST SESSION**, **2025**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT; AMENDING THE REGIONAL TRANSIT
DISTRICT ACT TO CLARIFY PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR LAW
ENFORCEMENT.

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

SECTION 1. Section 73-25-19 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2009,
Chapter 57, Section 2) is amended to read:

"73-25-19. AUTHORIZATION TO EMPLOY [COMMUTER RAIL
SERVICE] DISTRICT LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS--POWERS AND DUTIES
OF OFFICERS.--

A. A district [that operates a commuter rail
service] may employ [commuter rail service] district law
enforcement officers for the district and assign duties to the
officers.

B. At all times while on duty, [commuter rail

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1   service] district law enforcement officers shall carry

2   commissions of office issued by the district. [Commuter rail

3   service] District law enforcement officers shall have the

4   powers of peace officers on all property, tracks, rights of

5   way, easements, vehicles, buses, vans, railcars, locomotives

6   and facilities owned, leased, licensed, maintained or operated

7   by the district. Within this territory, a [commuter rail

8   service] district law enforcement officer may enforce all

9   applicable laws, ordinances and regulations, but no arrest for

10   violation of any law, ordinance or regulation is valid unless,

11   at the time of arrest, the [commuter rail service] district law

12   enforcement officer is wearing:

13   (1)   a distinctive badge bearing the name of

14   the district issued by the district; or

15   (2)   a distinctive uniform prescribed and

16   issued by the district.

17   C.   A person employed by the district as a [commuter

18   rail service] district law enforcement officer shall fulfill

19   the requirements for certification in Subsection A of Section

20   29-7-6 NMSA 1978 within one year of the date of first

21   employment.

22   D.   A district may contract with other law

23   enforcement agencies to provide law enforcement services for

24   the district."

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