

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25

HOUSE BILL

55TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2022

INTRODUCED BY

DISCUSSION DRAFT

AN ACT

RELATING TO CRIMINAL LAW; PROVIDING CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR THE
UNLAWFUL USE OF BODY ARMOR.

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

SECTION 1. A new section of the Criminal Code is enacted
to read:

"~~[NEW MATERIAL]~~ UNLAWFUL USE OF BODY ARMOR PROHIBITED--
PENALTY.--

A. It is unlawful for a convicted felon to:

(1) knowingly possess body armor; or

(2) knowingly wear or otherwise use body armor

during the commission of a felony.

B. A convicted felon who knowingly possesses body
armor is guilty of a fourth degree felony. A convicted felon
who has not been convicted of a felony within ten years may

.221348.1

underscoring material = new
~~[bracketed material] = delete~~

underscoring material = new
~~[bracketed material] = delete~~

1 possess body armor in the course of employment, provided that
2 the body armor is surrendered to the employer upon the
3 conclusion of employment.

4 C. A convicted felon who knowingly wears or
5 otherwise uses body armor during the commission of a felony is
6 guilty of a third degree felony.

7 D. For the purposes of this section, "body armor"
8 means an article of clothing or piece of equipment designed in
9 whole or in part to minimize the risk of injury from a deadly
10 weapon."