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HOUSE BILL 269

**44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION,
2000**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE; PROVIDING FOR ELECTION OF COTTON
BOLL WEEVIL CONTROL COMMITTEES BY A MAJORITY OF THOSE
PRODUCERS VOTING IN A DISTRICT; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Section 1. Section 76-6A-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1996,
Chapter 77, Section 3, as amended) is amended to read:

"76-6A-3. DEFINITIONS.--As used in the Cotton Boll
Weevil Control Act:

A. "board" means the board of regents of New
Mexico state university;

B. "cotton boll weevil" means any life stage of
the cotton insect *Anthonomus grandis* Boheman;

C. "cotton boll weevil control committee" means
the persons, not less than three nor more than seven, elected
by a majority of the cotton producers voting in a designated

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1 cotton boll weevil control district;

2 D. "cotton boll weevil control district" means a
3 designated area duly established under the Cotton Boll Weevil
4 Control Act wherein a program to suppress or eradicate the
5 cotton boll weevil is administered;

6 E. "cotton producer" means any person growing five
7 or more acres of cotton plants. For the purposes of the
8 Cotton Boll Weevil Control Act, only one person from any
9 farm, sole proprietorship, corporation, partnership or any
10 other legal business arrangement shall be eligible to vote to
11 establish or dissolve a cotton boll weevil control district;

12 F. "department" means the New Mexico department of
13 agriculture;

14 G. "director" means the director of the New Mexico
15 department of agriculture; and

16 H. "organic cotton producer" means any person
17 growing cotton who is certified by the organic commodity
18 commission as a producer of organic or transitional cotton."

19 Section 2. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public
20 peace, health and safety that this act take effect
21 immediately.