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**HOUSE BILL 261**

**45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2002**

**INTRODUCED BY**

**John A. Heaton**

**AN ACT**

**RELATING TO EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS; REQUIRING CERTAIN  
DEPARTMENTS TO UPDATE THE ALL-HAZARDS EMERGENCY OPERATIONS  
PLAN AND CONDUCT TESTS OF THE PLAN; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION;  
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

**Section 1. TEMPORARY PROVISION--ALL-HAZARDS EMERGENCY  
OPERATIONS PLAN.--The department of public safety, in  
conjunction with the department of health, shall:**

**A. review the current all-hazards emergency  
operations plan and revise the plan to ensure that the state  
has in place the procedures necessary to respond to an  
emergency or disaster that causes or threatens widespread  
physical or economic harm and that requires the resources of  
the state;**

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1           B. conduct two statewide emergency tests, the  
2 first by July 31, 2002 and the second by October 31, 2002, to  
3 ensure that chain-of-command procedures, communications  
4 systems, transportation systems, technology, facilities and  
5 other mechanisms of emergency response are in working order  
6 and that each component has a contingency plan;

7           C. provide progress reports on plan updates and  
8 testing status at least once every sixty days to the  
9 legislative health and human services committee or the  
10 legislative finance committee; and

11           D. provide the legislative health and human  
12 services committee or the legislative finance committee with  
13 its findings and recommendations for legislative initiatives  
14 and funding proposals by November 30, 2002.

15           Section 2. TEMPORARY PROVISION. --The department of  
16 public safety shall complete the activities pursuant to this  
17 act and provide its final report to the governor and the  
18 legislature by December 31, 2002.

19           Section 3. APPROPRIATION. --One hundred thousand dollars  
20 (\$100,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the  
21 department of public safety for expenditure in fiscal years  
22 2002 and 2003, to be expended by December 31, 2002 to execute  
23 the provisions in Section 1 of this act. Any unexpended or  
24 unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2003  
25 shall revert to the general fund.

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Section 4. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public  
peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.