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HOUSE BILL 914

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HUMAN RIGHTS; PROVIDING THAT A PLACE OF PUBLIC
ACCOMMODATION MAY NOT DENY ACCESS TO A PERSON WHO OPERATES A
MOTORCYCLE; PRESCRIBING CIVIL DAMAGES.

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

Section 1. PLACE OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION--RESTRICTION ON
DENIAL OF ACCESS TO A PERSON WHO OPERATES A MOTORCYCLE--CIVIL
DAMAGES. --

A. A place of public accommodation may not restrict
access, admission or usage to a person solely because the
person:

- (1) operates a motorcycle;
- (2) is a member of a motorcycle organization
or association; or
- (3) is wearing clothing that displays the name

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1 of a motorcycle organization or association.

2 B. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection A
3 of this section, a place of public accommodation may restrict
4 access, admission or usage to a person because the person's:

5 (1) conduct poses a risk to the health or
6 safety of another person or to the property of another person;
7 or

8 (2) clothing does not conform to an
9 established and posted dress code.

10 C. A person who is denied access to, admission to
11 or usage of a place of public accommodation pursuant to
12 Subsection A of this section may bring an action for:

13 (1) civil damages in an amount not to exceed
14 five hundred dollars (\$500);

15 (2) injunctive relief; and

16 (3) recovery of attorney fees in an amount not
17 to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500).

18 D. As used in this section, "place of public
19 accommodation" means a business, refreshment, entertainment,
20 recreation or transportation facility of any kind, whether
21 licensed or not, whose goods, services, privileges or
22 accommodations are extended, offered, sold or otherwise made
23 available to the public.

24 Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. --The effective date of the
25 provisions of this act is July 1, 2003.

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