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**48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007**

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO CRIMINAL LAW; PROVIDING CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR  
RECRUITING OTHERS TO JOIN A CRIMINAL STREET GANG OR INDUCING  
PARTICIPATION IN CRIMINAL STREET GANG ACTIVITY; ENHANCING  
PENALTIES FOR RECRUITMENT AND INDUCEMENT OF MINORS.

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] GANG RECRUITMENT.--

A. Gang recruitment consists of the solicitation or  
recruitment of another with the intent that the person  
solicited or recruited:

(1) participate in a pattern of criminal gang  
activity; or

(2) promote, further or assist in felonious

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1 conduct by members of a criminal street gang.

2 Whoever commits gang recruitment is guilty of a  
3 misdemeanor. Whoever commits gang recruitment of a minor is  
4 guilty of a fourth degree felony.

5 B. Gang recruitment by threat or violence consists  
6 of threatening another with physical violence on two or more  
7 separate occasions within a thirty-day period, or using  
8 physical violence, with the intent to coerce, induce or solicit  
9 another to:

10 (1) participate in a pattern of criminal gang  
11 activity; or

12 (2) promote, further or assist in felonious  
13 conduct by members of a criminal street gang.

14 Whoever commits gang recruitment by threat or violence is  
15 guilty of a fourth degree felony. Whoever commits gang  
16 recruitment of a minor by threat or violence is guilty of a  
17 third degree felony.

18 C. As used in this section, "criminal street gang"  
19 means an ongoing organization, association or group of three or  
20 more persons, whether formal or informal, having a common name  
21 or identifying sign or symbol, whose members individually or  
22 collectively engage in or have engaged in a pattern of criminal  
23 gang activity and having as one of its primary activities the  
24 commission of one or more of the following felonies:

25 (1) murder, pursuant to Section 30-2-1 NMSA

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1 1978;

2 (2) voluntary manslaughter, pursuant to  
3 Subsection A of Section 30-2-3 NMSA 1978;

4 (3) aggravated assault, pursuant to Section  
5 30-3-2 NMSA 1978;

6 (4) assault with intent to commit a violent  
7 felony, pursuant to Section 30-3-3 NMSA 1978;

8 (5) aggravated battery, pursuant to Subsection  
9 C of Section 30-3-5 NMSA 1978;

10 (6) shooting at a dwelling or occupied  
11 building or shooting at or from a motor vehicle, pursuant to  
12 Section 30-3-8 NMSA 1978;

13 (7) aggravated stalking, pursuant to Section  
14 30-3A-3.1 NMSA 1978;

15 (8) kidnapping, pursuant to Section 30-4-1  
16 NMSA 1978;

17 (9) sexual exploitation of children by  
18 prostitution, pursuant to Section 30-6A-4 NMSA 1978;

19 (10) dangerous use of explosives, pursuant to  
20 Section 30-7-5 NMSA 1978;

21 (11) possession of explosives, explosive  
22 devices or incendiary devices, pursuant to Sections 30-7-19 and  
23 30-7-19.1 NMSA 1978;

24 (12) criminal sexual penetration in the first,  
25 second or third degree, pursuant to Section 30-9-11 NMSA 1978;

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- 1 (13) criminal sexual contact of a minor,  
2 pursuant to Section 30-9-13 NMSA 1978;
- 3 (14) robbery, pursuant to Section 30-16-2 NMSA  
4 1978;
- 5 (15) burglary, pursuant to Section 30-16-3  
6 NMSA 1978;
- 7 (16) aggravated burglary, pursuant to Section  
8 30-16-4 NMSA 1978;
- 9 (17) extortion, pursuant to Section 30-16-9  
10 NMSA 1978;
- 11 (18) aggravated fleeing a law enforcement  
12 officer, pursuant to Section 30-22-1.1 NMSA 1978;
- 13 (19) harboring or aiding a felon, pursuant to  
14 Section 30-22-4 NMSA 1978;
- 15 (20) aggravated assault upon a peace officer,  
16 pursuant to Section 30-22-22 NMSA 1978;
- 17 (21) assault with intent to commit a violent  
18 felony upon a peace officer, pursuant to Section 30-22-23 NMSA  
19 1978;
- 20 (22) aggravated battery on a peace officer,  
21 pursuant to Section 30-22-25 NMSA 1978;
- 22 (23) bribery or intimidation of a witness or  
23 retaliation against a witness, pursuant to Section 30-24-3 NMSA  
24 1978;
- 25 (24) trafficking in a controlled substance,

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1 pursuant to Section 30-31-20 NMSA 1978;

2 (25) unlawful taking of a motor vehicle,  
3 pursuant to Section 66-3-504 NMSA 1978;

4 (26) money laundering, pursuant to the Money  
5 Laundering Act; and

6 (27) an attempt to commit any of the above  
7 felonies, pursuant to Section 30-28-1 NMSA 1978.

8 D. As used in this section, "pattern of criminal  
9 gang activity" means the commission of or attempted commission  
10 of two or more of the felonies enumerated in Subsection C of  
11 this section; provided that the offenses occurred within three  
12 years of each other and were committed on separate occasions by  
13 two or more persons."

14 Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the  
15 provisions of this act is July 1, 2007.

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