

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PUBLIC PEACE, HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE;
PROVIDING FOR A DWI RECIDIVISM COMPONENT IN ALL DRIVER
REHABILITATION PROGRAMS; AMENDING A SECTION OF THE NMSA 1978.

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

Section 1. Section 66-7-506 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978,
Chapter 35, Section 493, as amended) is amended to read:

"66-7-506. BUREAU--FUNCTIONS--POWERS--DUTIES.--The
bureau shall have the following powers and duties:

A. organize, plan and conduct a statewide program
of activities designed to prevent accidents and to reduce the
incidence of DWI in New Mexico;

B. coordinate activities and programs of the
departments, divisions and agencies of this state now engaged
in promoting traffic safety;

C. provide accident prevention information and
publicity to all appropriate media of information and develop
other means of public information;

D. cooperate with all public and private agencies
and organizations interested in the promotion of traffic
safety and accident prevention;

E. serve as a clearinghouse for all traffic safety
materials and information used throughout this state;

F. cooperate in promoting research, special

studies and analysis of problems concerning the safety and welfare of the citizens of New Mexico;

G. cooperate fully with national safety organizations in bringing about greater effectiveness in nationwide accident prevention activities and programs;

H. make studies and suitable recommendations, through the chief and the secretary of transportation, to the legislature concerning safety regulations and laws;

I. prepare and submit each year a written report to the governor concerning the activities of the bureau and activities concerning assistance to local organizations and officials;

J. institute and administer a statewide motorcycle training program funded as provided for in Section 66-10-10 NMSA 1978;

K. institute and administer an accident prevention course for elderly drivers as provided for in Section 59A-32-14 NMSA 1978;

L. cooperate with the public education department to develop a regulatory framework for instructional and administrative processes, including licensure requirements for instructors, and a curriculum for instruction in defensive driving with a DWI education and prevention component to be offered statewide in secondary schools as an elective;

M. institute and administer a DWI prevention and

education program for elementary and secondary school students, funded as provided for in Section 66-5-35 NMSA 1978;

N. include at least two hours of DWI prevention and education training in all driver education courses approved by the bureau; and

O. include a DWI recidivism prevention component in all driver rehabilitation programs for alcohol or drugs approved by the bureau."