SENATE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL 732

49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PUBLIC PEACE, HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE;
REQUIRING THAT STATE AGENCIES PROMULGATE RULES FOR TIME FRAMES
FOR RESPONSE TO LICENSE APPLICATIONS.

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

Section 1. STATE AGENCY ACCOUNTABILITY.--

A. For applications for a license received after
January 1, 2010, state agencies shall provide each applicant
with a specific time frame for the agency's response to the
application at the time that the applicant submits the
application.

B. No later than December 31, 2009, each state
agency shall promulgate rules establishing specific time frames
for response to license applications. In promulgating rules
pursuant to this subsection, agencies may provide for a mutual

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extension of any deadline for licensing, and they shall

consider:

(1)   the complexity of the licensing process

for each type of license; and

(2)   the economic impact on the applicant or on

any other person or community that is likely to result from a

delay in issuance of a license.

C.   For the purposes of this section:

(1)   "license" includes the whole or part of

any permit, certificate, approval, registration, charter,

membership, statutory exemption or other form of permission

required by law;

(2)   "licensing" includes the agency process

respecting the granting, denial, renewal, revocation,

suspension, annulment, withdrawal, amendment, limiting,

modifying or conditioning of a license; and

(3)   "state agency" means any state agency,

board, commission, department or officer authorized by law to

make rules or grant licenses in the executive branch of state

government.

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