HOUSE BILL 95

52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2016

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AN ACT

RELATING TO CRIMINAL LAW; PROVIDING FOR THE ALTERATION OF A
BASIC SENTENCE WHEN A CRIME IS MOTIVATED BY HATE AGAINST A LAW
ENFORCEMENT OFFICER; AMENDING THE HATE CRIMES ACT.

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

SECTION 1. Section 31-18B-1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2003, Chapter 384, Section 1) is amended to read:

"31-18B-1. SHORT TITLE.--[This act] Chapter 31, Article
18B NMSA 1978 may be cited as the "Hate Crimes Act"."

SECTION 2. Section 31-18B-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2003, Chapter 384, Section 2, as amended) is amended to read:

"31-18B-2. DEFINITIONS.--As used in the Hate Crimes Act:

- A. "age" means sixty years of age or older;
- B. "gender identity" means a person's selfperception, or perception of that person by another, of the
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person's identity as a male or female based upon the person's appearance, behavior or physical characteristics that are in accord or opposed to the person's physical anatomy, chromosomal sex or sex at birth;

- C. "disability" means that the person has a physical or mental disability that substantially limits one or more of that person's functions, such as caring for oneself, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning and working;
- "motivated by hate" means the commission of a crime with the intent to commit the crime because of the actual or perceived race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, age, [handicapped status] <u>disability, status as</u> a law enforcement officer, gender, sexual orientation or gender identity of the victim, whether or not the offender's belief or perception was correct; and
- "sexual orientation" means heterosexuality, homosexuality or bisexuality, whether actual or perceived."
- SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. -- The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 2016.

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