

HOUSE BILL 233

**53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2017**

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO UNIVERSITY POLICE OFFICERS; EXCEPTING CERTAIN  
UNIVERSITY POLICE OFFICERS FROM CARRYING COMMISSIONS OF OFFICE;  
EXTENDING THE AUTHORITY OF UNIVERSITY POLICE OFFICERS TO  
IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT ROADWAYS.

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 29-5-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1968,  
Chapter 62, Section 154, as amended) is amended to read:

"29-5-2. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS--UNIVERSITY POLICE  
OFFICERS.--

A. The board of regents of each state educational  
institution designated in Article 12, Section 11 of the  
constitution of New Mexico may employ and assign duties of  
university police officers for the institution.

B. At all times while on duty, university police

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1 officers shall carry commissions of office issued by the board  
2 of regents, unless operating in an undercover role in  
3 accordance with policies and procedures approved by the board  
4 of regents. University police officers have the powers of  
5 peace officers within the exterior boundaries of lands under  
6 control of the board of regents employing them, including  
7 public streets and highways within [~~such~~] the boundaries, or  
8 immediately adjacent to, those lands. Within this territory, a  
9 university police officer may enforce all applicable laws,  
10 ordinances and campus traffic regulations, but no arrest for  
11 violation of any law, ordinance or campus traffic regulation  
12 relating to motor vehicles is valid unless, at the time of  
13 arrest, the university police officer is wearing:

14 (1) a distinctive badge bearing the name of  
15 the institution, issued to [~~him~~] the officer by the board of  
16 regents; or

17 (2) a distinctive uniform prescribed and  
18 issued to [~~him~~] the officer by the board of regents."

19 **SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**--The effective date of the  
20 provisions of this act is July 1, 2017.