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SENATE BILL 123

57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025

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AN ACT

RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT; AMENDING THE REGIONAL TRANSIT
DISTRICT ACT TO CLARIFY PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR LAW
ENFORCEMENT.

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

SECTION 1. Section 73-25-19 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2009,
Chapter 57, Section 2) is amended to read:

"73-25-19. AUTHORIZATION TO EMPLOY [~~COMMUTER RAIL
SERVICE~~] DISTRICT LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS--POWERS AND DUTIES
OF OFFICERS.--

A. A district [~~that operates a commuter rail
service~~] may employ [~~commuter rail service~~] district law
enforcement officers for the district and assign duties to the
officers.

B. At all times while on duty, [~~commuter rail~~

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1 ~~service]~~ district law enforcement officers shall carry
2 commissions of office issued by the district. [~~Commuter rail~~
3 ~~service]~~ District law enforcement officers shall have the
4 powers of peace officers on all property, tracks, rights of
5 way, easements, vehicles, buses, vans, railcars, locomotives
6 and facilities owned, leased, licensed, maintained or operated
7 by the district. Within this territory, a [~~commuter rail~~
8 ~~service]~~ district law enforcement officer may enforce all
9 applicable laws, ordinances and regulations, but no arrest for
10 violation of any law, ordinance or regulation is valid unless,
11 at the time of arrest, the [~~commuter rail service]~~ district law
12 enforcement officer is wearing:

13 (1) a distinctive badge bearing the name of
14 the district issued by the district; or

15 (2) a distinctive uniform prescribed and
16 issued by the district.

17 C. A person employed by the district as a [~~commuter~~
18 ~~rail service]~~ district law enforcement officer shall fulfill
19 the requirements for certification in Subsection A of Section
20 29-7-6 NMSA 1978 within one year of the date of first
21 employment.

22 D. A district may contract with other law
23 enforcement agencies to provide law enforcement services for
24 the district."