SENATE BILL 63

42ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1996

INTRODUCED BY

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FOR THE COURTS, CORRECTIONS AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT; REQUIRING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO RECEIVE INSTRUCTION IN RECOGNIZING OFFENDERS WHO MAY HAVE A MENTAL ILLNESS; ENACTING A SECTION OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING ACT.

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

Section 1. A new section of the Law Enforcement Training Act is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] INSTRUCTIONAL COMPONENT--RECOGNITION OF MENTAL ILLNESS.--

A. The New Mexico law enforcement academy board shall establish and include in all basic law enforcement training and in all in-service law enforcement training an instructional component on encountering alleged offenders or persons in the community who may have a mental illness.

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1   B.   The instructional component shall include:

2   (1)   recognizing behaviors that may indicate

3   that a person may be suffering from a mental illness;

4   (2)   effective methods of communicating with a

5   person who may be suffering from a mental illness; and

6   (3)   incarceration options or other available

7   options in communities statewide for a person who may be

8   suffering from a mental illness."

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7   Mr. President:

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9   Your **COMMITTEES' COMMITTEE**, to whom has been referred

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13   has had it under consideration and finds same to be **GERMANE**, PURSUANT

14   TO CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS, and thence referred to the **SENATE**

15   **PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**.

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23   **SENATOR MANNY M ARAGON, Chairman**

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