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44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO CRIMINAL LAW; INCREASING THE CRIMINAL PENALTY FOR HOMICIDE BY VEHICLE WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR OR DRUGS WHEN THE OFFENDER HAS THREE OR MORE PRIOR DWI CONVICTIONS; AMENDING A SECTION OF THE NMSA 1978.

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

Section 1. Section 66-8-101 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978, Chapter 35, Section 509, as amended) is amended to read:

"66-8-101. HOMICIDE BY VEHICLE--GREAT BODILY [INJURY]

HARM BY VEHICLE. --

- A. Homicide by vehicle is the killing of a human being in the unlawful operation of a motor vehicle.
- B. Great bodily [injury] harm by vehicle is the injuring of a human being, to the extent defined in Section 30-1-12 NMSA 1978, in the unlawful operation of a motor .125042.1

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C. [Any] A person who commits homicide by vehicle or great bodily [injury] harm by vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or while under the influence of any drug or while violating Section 66-8-113 NMSA 1978 is guilty of a third degree felony and shall be sentenced pursuant to the provisions of Section 31-18-15 NMSA 1978, provided that violation of speeding laws as set forth in the Motor Vehicle Code shall not per se be a basis for violation of Section 66-8-113 NMSA 1978.

D. [Any] A person who commits [homicide by vehicle or] great bodily [injury] harm by vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or while under the influence of any drug, as provided in Subsection C of this section, and who has incurred a prior DWI conviction within ten years of the occurrence for which he is being sentenced [under] pursuant to this section shall have his basic sentence increased by two years for each prior DWI conviction.

E. A person who commits homicide by vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or while under the influence of any drug, as provided in Subsection C of this section, who has incurred a first or second DWI conviction within ten years of the occurrence for which he is being sentenced pursuant to this section, shall have his basic sentence increased by two years for each prior DWI conviction.

F. A person who commits homicide by vehicle while
under the influence of intoxicating liquor or while under the
influence of any drug, as provided in Subsection C of this
section, who has incurred three or more DWI convictions prior
to the occurrence for which he is being sentenced pursuant to
this section, is guilty of a second degree felony resulting in
the death of a human being and shall be sentenced pursuant to
the provisions of Section 31-18-15 NMSA 1978.

 $[\underline{E.}]$ $\underline{G.}$ For the purposes of this section, "prior DWI conviction" means:

- $\hbox{ (1)} \quad \hbox{a prior conviction under Section } 66\text{-}8\text{-}102 \\$ NMSA 1978; or
- (2) a prior conviction in New Mexico or any other jurisdiction, territory or possession of the United States when the criminal act is driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

[F. Any] H. A person who willfully operates a motor vehicle in violation of Subsection C of Section 30-22-1 NMSA 1978 and directly or indirectly causes the death of or great bodily [injury] harm to a human being is guilty of a third degree felony and shall be sentenced pursuant to the provisions of Section 31-18-15 NMSA 1978."

Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. -- The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 1999.

Mr. President: has had it under consideration and reports same with FINANCE COMMITTEE.

FORTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE FIRST SESSION, 1999 February 27, 1999 Your JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred SENATE BILL 137 recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the Respectfully submitted,

Michael S. Sanchez, Chairman

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FORTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE FIRST SESSION, 1999 March 8, 1999 Mr. President: Your **FINANCE COMMITTEE**, to whom has been referred **SENATE BILL 137** has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it **DO PASS**. Respectfully submitted, Ben D. Altanirano, Chairnan

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has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it **DO PASS**, amended as follows:

- On page 1, line 13, strike "DRUGS" and insert in lieu 1. thereof "CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES".
- 2. On page 2, line 14, strike "drug" and insert in ieu thereof "controlled substance".
- On page 2, line 21, strike "drug" and insert in lieu 3. thereof "controlled substance".
- On page 3, line 3, strike "drug" and insert in lieu 4. thereof "controlled substance".

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FIRST SESSION, 1999 2 3HJQ/SB 137 Page 9 4 On page 3, line 4, strike "prior" and insert in lieu **5**. 5 thereof "within ten years of", and on line 5 strike the first 6 occurrence of "to". 7 **6**. On page 3, line 16, strike "drugs" and insert in lieu 8 thereof "controlled substances"., 9 10 and thence referred to **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE** 11 COMMITTEE. 12 **13** Respectfully submitted, 14 **15** 16 17 R. David Pederson, Chairnan 18 19 20 Adopted _____ Not Adopted ____ 21 (Chief Clerk) (Chief Clerk) 22 23 Date ____ 24

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The roll call vote was 8 For 0 Against

Yes: 8

Excused: Luna, Martinez, Stewart, Sanchez

7 Absent: None

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