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HOUSE BILL 233, as amended

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Introduced by

REPRESENTATIVE PATRICIO R. RUILOBA



1 AN ACT

2 RELATING TO UNIVERSITY POLICE OFFICERS; EXTENDING THE
3 AUTHORITY OF UNIVERSITY POLICE OFFICERS TO IMMEDIATELY
4 ADJACENT ROADWAYS.

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

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

9 "29-5-2. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS--UNIVERSITY POLICE
10 OFFICERS.--

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

15 B. At all times while on duty, university police
16 officers shall carry commissions of office issued by the
17 board of regents. University police officers have the powers
18 of peace officers within the exterior boundaries of lands
19 under control of the board of regents employing them,
20 including public streets and highways within the boundaries,
21 or immediately adjacent to a campus where students are
22 educated. Within this territory, a university police officer
23 may enforce all applicable laws, ordinances and campus
24 traffic regulations, but no arrest for violation of any law,
25 ordinance or campus traffic regulation relating to motor

1 vehicles is valid unless, at the time of arrest, the
2 university police officer is wearing:

3 (1) a distinctive badge bearing the name of
4 the institution, issued to the officer by the board of
5 regents; or

6 (2) a distinctive uniform prescribed and
7 issued to the officer by the board of regents."

8 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
9 provisions of this act is July 1, 2017. _____

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s/Brian Egolf
Brian Egolf, Speaker
House of Representatives

s/Lisa M. Ortiz McCutcheon
Lisa M. Ortiz McCutcheon, Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

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John A. Sanchez, President
Senate

s/Lenore M. Naranjo
Lenore M. Naranjo, Chief Clerk
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Approved by me this _____ day of _____, 2017

s/Susana Martinez
Susana Martinez, Governor
State of New Mexico