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HOUSE BILL 237

**54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019**

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO UNIVERSITY POLICE OFFICERS; 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  
officers shall carry commissions of office issued by the board  
of regents. University police officers have the powers of

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1 peace officers within the exterior boundaries of lands under  
2 control of the board of regents employing them, including  
3 public streets and highways within [~~such~~] the boundaries, or  
4 immediately adjacent to a campus where students are educated.

5 Within this territory, a university police officer may enforce  
6 all applicable laws, ordinances and campus traffic regulations,  
7 but no arrest for violation of any law, ordinance or campus  
8 traffic regulation relating to motor vehicles is valid unless,  
9 at the time of arrest, the university police officer is  
10 wearing:

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

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

16 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the  
17 provisions of this act is July 1, 2019.