SENATE BILL 123

55TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2021

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH CARE; INCLUDING PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS AND
PHARMACISTS IN THE DEFINITION OF "HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER" FOR
THE PURPOSE OF MAKING CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN HEALTH CARE
PRACTITIONER AGREEMENTS VOID, UNENFORCEABLE AND AGAINST PUBLIC
POLICY; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. Section 24-1I-1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2015,
Chapter 96, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

"24-1I-1. DEFINITIONS.--As used in Chapter 24, Article 11
NMSA 1978:

A. "agreement" means a written contract to which
a health care practitioner is a party; and

B. "health care practitioner" means:

(1) a dentist;
(2) an osteopathic physician;
(3) a physician;
(4) a podiatrist;
(5) a certified registered nurse anesthetist;
(6) a certified nurse practitioner; [and]
(7) a certified nurse-midwife;
(8) a physician assistant; and
(9) a pharmacist."

SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public
peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.