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HOUSE BILL 647

45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001

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AN ACT

**MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO PRODUCE AND DISTRIBUTE STATEWIDE A
BOOKLET PROVIDING INFORMATION TO HELP PREVENT DIVORCE.**

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

**Section 1. APPROPRIATION. --One hundred thousand dollars
(\$100,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the board
of regents of New Mexico state university for the cooperative
extension service for expenditure in fiscal year 2002 to
produce and distribute a booklet entitled *Before You Check
Out-Check Your Options* that would offer couples in conflict a
range of options available to them prior to marriage
dissolution. The available options shall include statewide
private, public and faith-based programs and counseling
services. Additionally, the booklet shall offer guidance
regarding communication skills, conflict resolution, financial**

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1 counseling, substance abuse issues, ending an affair,
2 rebuilding or recommitting to a marriage, domestic violence
3 resources and other topics that could benefit people whose
4 marriages are in crisis. Any unexpended or unencumbered
5 balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2002 shall revert
6 to the general fund.

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