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**HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 61**

**45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2002**

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**FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE**

**A JOINT MEMORIAL**

**REQUESTING THAT THE NEW MEXICO HEALTH POLICY COMMISSION  
CONDUCT A STUDY AND PROVIDE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO  
STREAMLINE AND STANDARDIZE THE LICENSING AND CREDENTIALING OF  
HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS.**

**WHEREAS, licensing and credentialing of health care  
providers are essential to ensuring and protecting public  
health and safety; and**

**WHEREAS, licensing and credentialing by the state often  
result in excessive duplication and may hinder innovation in  
the delivery of health care; and**

**WHEREAS, licensing and credentialing are costly to the  
state, and duplicative requirements present considerable  
burdens to private industry; and**

**WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the state to promote**

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1 the development of shared systems for health care provider  
2 licensing and credentialing; and

3 WHEREAS, there is a need for a comprehensive review of  
4 current health care provider licensing and certification  
5 processes to make recommendations to simplify and consolidate  
6 licensing and credentialing; and

7 WHEREAS, current health care delivery systems and certain  
8 electronic health care access points may include out-of-state  
9 providers;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
11 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico health policy  
12 commission, in conjunction with the department of health, the  
13 regulation and licensing department and other affected state  
14 agencies, members of the public and the health care industry,  
15 be requested to conduct a study to review health care provider  
16 licensing and credentialing; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the health care provider  
18 licensing and credentialing review include an inventory of all  
19 health care provider licensing and credentialing conducted by  
20 the state, identifying areas of duplication and overlap; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the assessment include:

22 A. the feasibility and desirability of  
23 coordination of health care provider licensing and  
24 credentialing;

25 B. the collection and maintenance of health care

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1 provider licensing and credentialing information;

2 C. multistate licensing and reciprocity in  
3 licensing; and

4 D. reducing duplication among state agencies and  
5 establishing uniform requirements for credentialing; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico health policy  
7 commission report its findings and recommendations to an  
8 appropriate legislative interim committee by October 1, 2002;  
9 and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
11 transmitted to the New Mexico health policy commission.