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**47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2006**

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REQUESTING THAT THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CREATE A  
TASK FORCE TO REVIEW OPTIONS FOR PROVIDING LIABILITY INSURANCE  
COVERAGE FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL  
SERVICES PERSONNEL AFFILIATED WITH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

WHEREAS, volunteer fire department and emergency medical  
services personnel provide vital services in a number of rural  
communities across the state; and

WHEREAS, as volunteers, these individuals, unlike state  
employees, do not qualify for workers' compensation or general  
liability insurance coverage; and

WHEREAS, their volunteer work involves hazardous  
situations, potential bodily injury and possible harm to other  
individuals and property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF

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1 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico  
2 legislative council be requested either to appoint a task force  
3 or to request that the appropriate interim legislative  
4 committee study the options for providing workers' compensation  
5 and general liability insurance coverage for volunteer fire  
6 department and emergency medical services personnel and report  
7 the findings to the New Mexico legislative council in December  
8 2006; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that representatives of the  
10 following organizations be solicited for input during the  
11 requested study: the risk management division of the general  
12 services department, the state fire marshal, the workers'  
13 compensation administration, the New Mexico association of  
14 counties and the New Mexico municipal league; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
16 transmitted to the co-chairs of the New Mexico legislative  
17 council.

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