

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY
3 OF EXPANDING THE DENTAL HEALTH CARE ACT TO ALLOW RETIRED
4 DENTISTS COVERAGE UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S
5 MALPRACTICE INSURANCE.

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7 WHEREAS, New Mexico has a shortage of dental
8 professionals, especially in rural and frontier areas; and

9 WHEREAS, New Mexico dental students still receive their
10 training in other states and often move elsewhere to open
11 their practices; and

12 WHEREAS, excellent dentists from beyond New Mexico's
13 borders often retire in the land of enchantment; and

14 WHEREAS, many of these new New Mexico dentists are
15 willing and able to provide dental health care on a charity
16 or stipend basis, but they risk lawsuits if they do;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
18 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department of health be
19 requested to study ways to allow such new New Mexico dentists
20 to practice, ways to include them in the department of
21 health's malpractice insurance and ways to issue limited
22 licensing and limited continuing education credit
23 requirements so that they may practice without significant
24 expense or liability; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be

