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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT TO CREATE A TWO-TIERED DRIVER'S LICENSE ADVISORY TASK FORCE INCORPORATING A VARIETY OF PERSPECTIVES TO HELP GUIDE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ISSUANCE OF NEW MEXICO DRIVER'S LICENSES, DRIVING AUTHORIZATION CARDS AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS.

WHEREAS, in 2016, the legislature passed and the governor signed a law aiming to bring New Mexico into compliance with the federal REAL ID Act of 2005 with a two-tier driver's license structure; and

WHEREAS, the rollout of the two-tier licensing scheme in New Mexico has not gone as smoothly as hoped; and

WHEREAS, the taxation and revenue department and those people applying for driver's licenses, driving authorization cards and identification cards have faced difficulties and

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1 challenges with the implementation of the new provisions of the
2 Motor Vehicle Code; and

3 WHEREAS, there is widespread confusion about what
4 documents are required and accepted by the taxation and revenue
5 department for the issuance of driver's licenses, driving
6 authorization cards and identification cards; and

7 WHEREAS, senior citizens, residents of rural areas, those
8 with mobility limitations, homeless people and immigrants, both
9 newly arrived and long-established, have faced obstacles when
10 applying for or renewing their state-issued documents; and

11 WHEREAS, the taxation and revenue department and all of
12 the people of New Mexico would benefit from a streamlined and
13 easy-to-understand process for the application for and issuance
14 of driver's licenses, driving authorization cards and
15 identification cards;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
17 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the taxation and revenue department be
18 requested to convene a two-tiered driver's license advisory
19 task force; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the two-tiered driver's
21 license advisory task force include people representing New
22 Mexico's senior citizens, residents of rural areas, those with
23 mobility limitations, homeless people and immigrants, as well
24 as the taxation and revenue department, New Mexico's
25 congressional delegation and anyone else deemed beneficial to

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1 the advisory group; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the two-tier driver's license
3 advisory task force study challenges and recommend solutions
4 related to the implementation of the federal REAL ID Act of
5 2005 and New Mexico's two-tier driver's license structure; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the two-tiered driver's
7 license advisory task force produce a report documenting its
8 findings and recommendations and present that report to the
9 appropriate interim legislative committee; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
11 transmitted to the governor, the secretary of taxation and
12 revenue, the members of New Mexico's congressional delegation
13 and the New Mexico legislative council.