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10 A MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO MEDICAL BOARD AND THE BOARD OF
12 OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS TO MEET AND
13 CONSIDER OPTIONS FOR MERGING THE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE
14 INTO THE NEW MEXICO MEDICAL BOARD.

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16 WHEREAS, while osteopathic medicine and traditional
17 western or allopathic medicine originally had significant
18 differences in practice methodologies, both schools of practice
19 have moved toward a model of care that relies on new and
20 traditional models with an integrative approach; and

21 WHEREAS, osteopathic physicians and osteopathic physician
22 assistants are currently licensed by the board of osteopathic
23 medicine, which is administratively attached to the regulation
24 and licensing department; and

25 WHEREAS, medical doctors and allopathic physician

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1 assistants are currently licensed by the New Mexico medical
2 board, which operates as an independent agency; and

3 WHEREAS, while later training requirements differ for
4 osteopathic physicians and medical doctors, during the first
5 two years of allopathic medical school and osteopathic medical
6 school, the educational requirements are exactly the same; and

7 WHEREAS, graduates of allopathic medical schools may apply
8 for residencies in osteopathic medical settings, and
9 osteopathic medical school graduates may apply for residencies
10 in allopathic medical settings; and

11 WHEREAS, beginning in the year 2020, the accreditation
12 council for graduate medical education will accredit
13 residencies for both medical doctors and osteopathic
14 physicians; and

15 WHEREAS, medical doctors may currently train osteopathic
16 physicians, and osteopathic physicians may currently train
17 medical doctors; and

18 WHEREAS, osteopathic physicians currently are allowed to
19 supervise allopathic physician assistants, and medical doctors
20 currently are allowed to supervise osteopathic physician
21 assistants; and

22 WHEREAS, having two licensing boards for the two medical
23 practice schools reproduces costly administrative structures;

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
25 OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico medical board and the board

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1 of osteopathic medicine be requested to convene a meeting of
2 the directors of both boards during the 2017 interim to
3 discuss, with input from stakeholders, ways in which to
4 integrate the two licensing boards in an expanded New Mexico
5 medical board to the satisfaction of both boards and their
6 respective memberships; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico medical board
8 and the board of osteopathic medicine be requested to report to
9 the legislative health and human services committee, by
10 November 1, 2017, their findings and recommendations for
11 legislation to merge the board of osteopathic medicine with the
12 New Mexico medical board pursuant to their discussions with
13 each other and with the superintendent of regulation and
14 licensing and representatives of the New Mexico osteopathic
15 medical association, the New Mexico medical society and the New
16 Mexico academy of physician assistants; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
18 transmitted to the executive director of the New Mexico medical
19 board, the chair of the board of osteopathic medicine, the
20 superintendent of regulation and licensing, the executive
21 director of the New Mexico osteopathic medical association, the
22 executive director of the New Mexico medical society, the
23 executive director of the New Mexico academy of physician
24 assistants and the chair of the legislative health and human
25 services committee.

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