

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THAT THE NEW MEXICO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE AND NEW  
3 MEXICO COUNTIES CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO EVALUATE  
4 RELOCATION OPTIONS FOR THE FIRE MARSHAL DIVISION OF THE  
5 PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION.

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7 WHEREAS, public safety and emergency services are  
8 critical to the health, safety and welfare of the people of  
9 New Mexico; and

10 WHEREAS, the fire marshal division of the public  
11 regulation commission is responsible for providing  
12 communication, training, investigations, inspections, code  
13 adoption and funding to municipal and county fire departments  
14 in New Mexico; and

15 WHEREAS, the fire marshal division is currently located  
16 within the public regulation commission, and the public  
17 regulation commission chief of staff is tasked with providing  
18 oversight for the division; and

19 WHEREAS, the public regulation commission is responsible  
20 for regulating public utilities, including electric, natural  
21 gas and water companies; transportation companies, including  
22 common and contract carriers; transmission and pipeline  
23 companies; including telephone, telegraph and information  
24 transmission companies and other public service companies,  
25 and there is no mention of the needed focus or support to

1 ensure adequate fire services statewide; and

2 WHEREAS, statewide representatives with technical and  
3 operational expertise about fire services should be actively  
4 engaged in determining the needs and objectives of fire  
5 services; and

6 WHEREAS, the fire marshal division should be relocated  
7 either as a standalone entity or as an administratively  
8 attached entity in an appropriate state department;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
10 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico municipal league and  
11 New Mexico counties be requested to convene a working group  
12 to evaluate relocation options for the fire marshal division  
13 of the public regulation commission; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group be  
15 composed of representatives of the:

16 A. homeland security and emergency management  
17 department;

18 B. department of public safety;

19 C. office of superintendent of insurance;

20 D. public regulation commission;

21 E. fire marshal division of the public regulation  
22 commission;

23 F. New Mexico fire chiefs association;

24 G. fire and emergency managers affiliate of  
25 New Mexico counties;

1 H. New Mexico state firefighters association;

2 I. New Mexico emergency medical technicians  
3 association;

4 J. New Mexico fire marshal's association;

5 K. metropolitan fire chiefs association; and

6 L. New Mexico professional firefighters  
7 association; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group be  
9 requested to report its findings and conclusions to the  
10 appropriate interim legislative committee by September 1,  
11 2019; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
13 transmitted to the governor, the executive director of the  
14 New Mexico municipal league, the executive director of  
15 New Mexico counties, the secretary of homeland security and  
16 emergency management, the secretary of public safety, the  
17 superintendent of insurance, the chair of the public  
18 regulation commission, the director of the fire marshal  
19 division of the public regulation commission, the president  
20 of the New Mexico fire chiefs association, the president of  
21 the New Mexico state firefighters association, the president  
22 of the New Mexico emergency medical technicians association,  
23 the president of the New Mexico fire marshal's association,  
24 the president of the metropolitan fire chiefs association and  
25 the president of the New Mexico professional firefighters

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