

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO ARRANGE FOR  
3 A THIRD-PARTY FACILITATOR TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO  
4 REVIEW DWI ARREST, BOOKING AND POST-ARREST PROTOCOL AND  
5 DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF STREAMLINED  
6 PROCESSING OF DWI PAPERWORK.

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8 WHEREAS, in 2021, New Mexico had the seventh highest DWI  
9 severity score in the United States; and

10 WHEREAS, in 2019, New Mexico had one hundred twenty-nine  
11 alcohol-impaired driving fatalities, with thirteen of those  
12 fatalities being for drivers under the age of twenty-one; and

13 WHEREAS, the average DWI arrest, booking and post-arrest  
14 processing takes approximately four to six hours per  
15 instance; and

16 WHEREAS, an officer can make only one or two DWI arrests  
17 per shift; and

18 WHEREAS, DWI paperwork is used in both civil and  
19 criminal cases; and

20 WHEREAS, DWI paperwork includes traffic citations, DWI  
21 citations, notices of revocation, criminal complaints,  
22 probable cause statements, booking sheets and, in some  
23 instances, documentation of medical clearance; and

24 WHEREAS, DWI paperwork must be transmitted to multiple  
25 agencies, often replicating work; and

1           WHEREAS, replication of paperwork results in lower  
2 enforcement rates;

3           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
4 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New  
5 Mexico legislative council be requested to arrange for a  
6 third-party facilitator to convene a working group no later  
7 than April 30, 2023 to review DWI arrest, booking and post-  
8 arrest protocol and develop recommendations for  
9 implementation of streamlined processing of DWI paperwork;  
10 provided that the third-party facilitator shall facilitate  
11 without compensation from the state; and

12           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group be  
13 composed of representatives from the department of public  
14 safety; the motor vehicle division of the taxation and  
15 revenue department; the administrative office of the courts;  
16 and local governments, cities, counties and tribal  
17 governments involved in processing instances of DWI; and

18           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group be  
19 requested to report its findings and recommendations to the  
20 relevant legislative interim committee that addresses issues  
21 pertaining to courts, corrections and justice by October 1,  
22 2023; and

23           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
24 transmitted to the co-chairs of the New Mexico legislative  
25 council.

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