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SENATE BILL 436

42ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1996

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO INVESTIGATE
WHETHER PRICE FIXING OF ATTORNEYS' FEES EXISTS IN NEW MEXICO.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. APPROPRIATION. --Twenty-five thousand dollars
(\$25,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the attorney
general for expenditure in fiscal year 1997 for the purpose of
investigating whether price fixing or antitrust violations exist
in the legal profession in New Mexico. The attorney general
shall investigate whether certain ethical rules restrict
competition, whether attorneys engage in anticompetitive actions
to avoid price competition and whether it is appropriate for
lawyers to restrict entry into their profession. The attorney
general is encouraged to use non-attorneys in the investigation
and to request voluntary disclosure of fees, salaries and

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1 profits from attorneys statewide. Any unexpended or
2 unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 1997
3 shall revert to the general fund.

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7 Mr. Presi dent:
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13 has had it under consideration and finds same to be GERMANE, PURSUANT
14 TO CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS, and thence referred to the FINANCE
15 COMMI TTEE.
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17 Respectfully submi tted,
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5 February 13, 1996
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7 Mr. President:
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9 Your FINANCE COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred
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13 has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that
14 it DO PASS.
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16 Respectfully submitted,
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21 Ben D. Altamirano, Chairman
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The roll call vote was 5 For 4 Against

Yes: 5

No: Altamirano, Donisthorpe, Macias, Sanchez,

Excused: Aragon, Fidel, Jennings T., Nava

Absent: None

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