

March 13, 2001

HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 9

The Honorable Ben Lujan and
Members of the House of Representatives
Executive-Legislative Building
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503

Honorable Speaker and Members of the House:

I have this day VETOED and am returning HOUSE BILL 537, enacted by the Forty-Fifth Legislature, First Session, 2001.

This bill would require the state's Superintendent of Insurance to design a uniform prescription identification card for use by all persons receiving prescription drugs. While I understand that a "uniform" card could ease the process associated with obtaining prescriptions, such a card appears to duplicate information currently used by health care providers, health insurers and state government. Accordingly, I do not see the need to increase health care costs in New Mexico for the purpose of creating additional paperwork for New Mexicans receiving prescription medication.

Sincerely,

Gary E. Johnson
Governor

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