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HOUSE BILL 177

45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001

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FOR THE COURTS AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

**RELATING TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT; PROVIDING FOR THE
REGULATION OF METHADONE CLINICS.**

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

**Section 1. METHADONE CLINICS--DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
REGULATION. --**

**A. The federal government requires the state to
approve the establishment of all new methadone clinics. In an
effort to maintain compliance with the federal requirement,
the department of health shall regulate the establishment and
continuance of methadone clinics in New Mexico in accordance
with its powers and duties as the state's public health agency
and drug abuse agency.**

**B. In regulating methadone clinics, the department
shall perform an assessment of the need for clinics and**

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1 develop clinical and administrative standards as required by
2 federal law. The department may consider other factors it
3 deems necessary to ensure the provision of drug abuse
4 treatment services and the protection of the health and safety
5 of New Mexico citizens.

6 C. For the purposes of this section, "methadone
7 clinic" means a public or private facility that dispenses
8 methadone for the detoxification treatment or maintenance
9 treatment of narcotic addicts.

10 Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. -- The effective date of the
11 provisions of this act is July 1, 2001.