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HOUSE BILL 693

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

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AN ACT

**RELATING TO HEALTH CARE; CREATING THE CRIME OF UNLAWFUL
BLOCKING OF HEALTH CARE ACCESS; PROVIDING PENALTIES.**

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

Section 1. UNLAWFUL BLOCKING OF HEALTH CARE ACCESS. --

**A. Unlawful blocking of health care access
consists of:**

**(1) willfully blocking or obstructing the
entrance or any door of a health care facility;**

**(2) approaching nearer than one hundred feet
to the entrance or any door of a health care facility while
involved in expressive or symbolic conduct, including
advocating, protesting, picketing, displaying of signs or
distributing literature; or**

(3) performing an act that interferes with or

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1 impedes the ability of people entering or leaving a health
2 care facility.

3 B. A person who commits unlawful blocking of
4 health care access is guilty of a fourth degree felony and
5 shall be sentenced pursuant to the provisions of Section
6 31-18-15 NMSA 1978.

7 C. As used in this section, "health care facility"
8 means a building regularly used by a person licensed pursuant
9 to the laws of New Mexico to provide medical care or
10 counseling to members of the public.