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**HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 36**

**45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2002**

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**A JOINT MEMORIAL**

**REQUESTING FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION OF THE TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT ON WAYS TO PROVIDE LOW-INCOME AND INDIGENT NEW MEXICO RESIDENTS, WHO ARE PARTICIPANTS IN PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, WITH MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE.**

**WHEREAS, despite laws requiring drivers to maintain insurance, about one in seven motorists nationwide remains uninsured; and**

**WHEREAS, insured drivers must bear the burden of paying for injuries caused by drivers who carry no insurance; and**

**WHEREAS, data released for the period of 1995 to 1997 shows that New Mexico is one of five states with the highest uninsured driver estimates; and**

**WHEREAS, living and health care costs are rising in New**

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1 Mexico, and at the same time of these rising prices, the  
2 revenue of New Mexico is declining; and

3 WHEREAS, in 1999, New Mexico's per capita income ranked  
4 forty-eighth in the nation; and

5 WHEREAS, the low-income and indigent residents of New  
6 Mexico must devote their resources to essentials for day-to-  
7 day living;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
9 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the human services department and the  
10 motor vehicle division of the taxation and revenue department  
11 be requested to study ways to provide low-income and indigent  
12 New Mexico residents, who are participants in public  
13 assistance programs, with motor vehicle insurance and report  
14 to an appropriate interim legislative committee by October 31,  
15 2002; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
17 transmitted to the New Mexico legislative council, the deputy  
18 secretary of human services, the secretary of taxation and  
19 revenue and the director of the motor vehicle division of the  
20 taxation and revenue department.