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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO SURVEY HOSPITALS AND URGENT CARE FACILITIES TO GATHER DATA FROM FACILITIES PROVIDING EMERGENCY CARE TO SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS AND TO ADOPT RULES TO IMPLEMENT THE SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS EMERGENCY CARE ACT.

WHEREAS, the Sexual Assault Survivors Emergency Care Act, House Bill 119, was adopted by the first session of the forty-sixth legislature in 2003 and signed into law by the governor; and

WHEREAS, those hospitals, including urgent care facilities, that treat survivors of sexual assault are required by the Sexual Assault Survivors Emergency Care Act to provide medically and factually accurate and objective information to those survivors to inform them of the possible treatments for people who have been sexually assaulted; and

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1 WHEREAS, the Sexual Assault Survivors Emergency Care Act
2 also requires that people who provide emergency services to
3 sexual assault survivors receive appropriate training so that
4 they can better serve those patients; and

5 WHEREAS, there is no tracking provided for in the Sexual
6 Assault Survivors Emergency Care Act to determine the success
7 of the provisions of the act; and

8 WHEREAS, the appropriate state agency to conduct such a
9 survey and to collect data is the department of health;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
11 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department of health be requested
12 to conduct a survey of facilities providing emergency care to
13 sexual assault survivors and to collect data on the number of
14 sexual assault survivors treated by each facility and the
15 number who have received emergency contraception; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of health
17 report its findings to the interim legislative health and human
18 services committee no later than November 2004; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of health adopt
20 rules to implement the provisions of the Sexual Assault
21 Survivors Emergency Care Act; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon completion of the survey
23 and its report to the legislative health and human services
24 committee, the department of health submit copies of the survey
25 and its findings to the legislative council service library;

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and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to the secretary of health.

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