

1 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 47

2 47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2006

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING A STUDY AND RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING INCREASING AND
12 IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR UNDERAGE DRINKING VIOLATIONS.

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14 WHEREAS, underage consumption of alcoholic beverages is a
15 persistent problem in New Mexico; and

16 WHEREAS, underage consumption of alcoholic beverages often
17 occurs in conjunction with driving while intoxicated; and

18 WHEREAS, driving a motor vehicle in New Mexico is a
19 privilege that the state may condition on responsible behavior
20 that complies with state law; and

21 WHEREAS, New Mexico has penalties for an underage person
22 who possesses, attempts to purchase or purchases alcoholic
23 beverages but has no penalties for the underage consumption of
24 alcoholic beverages or for underage persons who misrepresent
25 themselves as being of age to possess, purchase and consume

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1 alcoholic beverages; and

2 WHEREAS, other states and the District of Columbia have
3 penalties for underage consumption of alcoholic beverages and
4 for underage persons who misrepresent themselves as being of
5 age to possess, purchase or consume alcoholic beverages; and

6 WHEREAS, the suspension of driving privileges as a
7 consequence of underage possession, purchase and consumption of
8 alcoholic beverages and of misrepresentation of age to possess,
9 purchase or consume alcoholic beverages may promote more
10 responsible behavior by persons who are under the legal
11 drinking age, resulting in fewer underage drinking problems and
12 violations;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
14 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the interim legislative committee that
15 studies corrections issues study and make recommendations to
16 the first session of the forty-eighth legislature about the
17 efficacy of making the suspension of driving privileges a
18 penalty for the first offense of possessing, attempting to
19 purchase or purchasing alcoholic beverages by an underage
20 person; of establishing penalties for the consumption of
21 alcoholic beverages by an underage person; and of establishing
22 penalties for underage persons who misrepresent themselves as
23 being of age to possess, attempt to purchase or purchase
24 alcoholic beverages; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

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1 transmitted to the co-chairs of the New Mexico legislative
2 council.

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