FORTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION, 2007

March 15, 2007

Mr. Speaker:

     Your **BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE,** to whom has
been referred

SENATE PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR SENATE BILL 20

has had it under consideration and reports same with
recommendation that it **DO PASS,** amended as follows:

     1. On page 1, line 12, after "THE", insert "LICENSED
PHYSICIAN AND".

     2. On page 1, line 13, after "THE", insert "PHYSICIAN
ASSISTANT ACT AND THE".

     3. On page 1, between lines 15 and 16, insert the following
new section:

     "Section 1. Section 61-6-10 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1973,
Chapter 361, Section 6, as amended) is amended to read:

     "61-6-10. SUPERVISING LICENSED PHYSICIAN--RESPONSIBILITY.--

          A. As a condition of licensure, all physician assistants
practicing in New Mexico shall inform the board of the name of the
licensed physician under whose supervision they will practice. All
supervising physicians shall be licensed under the Medical Practice
Act and shall be approved by the board.

          B. Every licensed physician supervising a licensed
physician assistant shall be individually responsible and liable for
the performance of the acts and omissions delegated to the physician
assistant. Nothing in this section shall be construed to relieve
the physician assistant of responsibility and liability for the acts
and omissions of the physician assistant.

          [C. A licensed physician shall not supervise more than
two physician assistants; except, where a physician is working in a
health facility providing health service to the public primarily on
a free or reduced fee basis, that is funded in whole or in part out
of public funds or the funds of private charitable institutions or
for good cause shown, the board may authorize a greater number upon

~~a finding that the program provides adequate supervision of the physician assistants.~~]

          C. A physician assistant shall be supervised by a physician as approved by the board."".

     4. Renumber the succeeding section accordingly.

                              Respectfully submitted,

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                              Debbie A. Rodella, Chair

Adopted _____   Not Adopted _____
          (Chief Clerk)   (Chief Clerk)

                         Date _____

The roll call vote was __11__ For __0__ Against
Yes: 11
No: 0
Excused: Campos, Powdrell-Culbert
Absent: None

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