

1 SENATE BILL 123

2 **55TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2021**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO HEALTH CARE; INCLUDING PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS AND
12 PHARMACISTS IN THE DEFINITION OF "HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER" FOR
13 THE PURPOSE OF MAKING CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN HEALTH CARE
14 PRACTITIONER AGREEMENTS VOID, UNENFORCEABLE AND AGAINST PUBLIC
15 POLICY; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

18 SECTION 1. Section 24-1I-1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2015,
19 Chapter 96, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

20 "24-1I-1. DEFINITIONS.--As used in Chapter 24, Article 1I
21 NMSA 1978:

22 A. "agreement" means a written contract to which
23 a health care practitioner is a party; and

24 B. "health care practitioner" means:

25 (1) a dentist;

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- 1 (2) an osteopathic physician;
- 2 (3) a physician;
- 3 (4) a podiatrist;
- 4 (5) a certified registered nurse anesthetist;
- 5 (6) a certified nurse practitioner; ~~and~~
- 6 (7) a certified nurse-midwife;
- 7 (8) a physician assistant; and
- 8 (9) a pharmacist."

9 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public
10 peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.

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