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HOUSE BILL 670

42ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1996

INTRODUCED BY
E. SHIRLEY BACA

AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE; PROVIDING A MORATORIUM ON
REDUCTIONS IN PAYMENTS AND SERVICES; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Section 1. MORATORIUM ON REDUCTIONS IN PAYMENTS OR
SERVICES IN CERTAIN PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS. -- In any program
of assistance or services administered by the human services
department in which the budgeted expenditures for the program
include amounts from general fund appropriations, the department
shall not, during the period from the effective date of this
section until October 1, 1997, reduce the level of assistance or
services from the level existing on January 1, 1996, by:

- A. changing eligibility requirements to raise the
threshold of eligibility for an individual or family to receive
assistance or services; or

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B. decreasing the amount of assistance or services that an individual or family may receive by changing standards of need, method of payment or reimbursement or similar changes.

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

State of New Mexico
House of Representatives

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FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE
SECOND SESSION, 1996

February 2, 1996

Mr. Speaker:

Your RULES AND ORDER OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE, to
whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and finds same to be
GERMANE in accordance with constitutional provisions.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Barbara A. Perea Casey,

Chairperson

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(Chief Clerk)

(Chief Clerk)

Date _____

The roll call vote was 8 For 0 Against

Yes: 8

Excused: Nicely, Olguin, Pederson, Picraux, Rodella,

J. G. Taylor, Wallach

Absent: None

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