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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 27
42ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION,
1996

INTRODUCED BY
EDWARD C. SANDOVAL

FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL
REQUESTING THE STUDY AND REVISION OF THE NEW MEXICO STATUTES
RELATING TO THE MENTALLY ILL.

WHEREAS, there is a substantial lack of public knowledge
about legal issues around mental illness and the effects of
other brain diseases; and

WHEREAS, statutory revision is far behind current medical
and scientific knowledge about mental illness; and

WHEREAS, due to biological brain disorders some individuals
lack judgment about their need for medical treatment; and

WHEREAS, sometimes the judicial system is not able to act
on commitment issues in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, court-ordered treatment should always be
determined by medical professionals with appropriate

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1 participation by the individual subject to the order, his family
2 and other legitimately interested parties;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
4 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the need to revise New Mexico's
5 statutes related to mental illness and the mentally ill be
6 studied by the department of health and recommendations be made
7 to the interim legislative health and human services committee
8 at its meeting in October 1996; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that statewide organizations for the
10 mentally ill, mentally ill individuals, the state bar of New
11 Mexico, the New Mexico district attorneys association, the
12 office of the attorney general, the public defender department,
13 the New Mexico office of Indian affairs, statewide medical
14 organizations and statewide psychological organizations be
15 invited to participate in the study; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be sent
17 to each named state agency and that the department of health
18 invite the participation of the nongovernmental entities
19 described.

State of New Mexico House of Representatives

FORTY- SECOND LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION, 1996

January 25, 1996

Mr. Speaker:

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

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 27

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

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Perea Casey,

Chairperson

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Not Adopted _____

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4 The roll call vote was 9 For 1 Against

5 Yes: 9

6 No: Nicely

7 Excused: Luna, Pederson, Rodella, R. G. Sanchez, J. G. Taylor

8 Absent: None

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FORTY- SECOND LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION, 1996

February 5, 1996

Mr. Speaker:

Your JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with
recommendation that it DO PASS.

Respectfully submitted,

Cisco McSorley, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 7 For 0 Against

Yes: 7

Excused: Alwin, Christensen, Sanchez, R. G., Stewart

Absent: Baca, Larranaga

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FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE
SECOND SESSION, 1996

February 14, 1996

Mr. President:

Your RULES COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with
recommendation that it DO PASS.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Howes, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against
Yes: 6
No: 0
Excused: Aragon, EJennings, Wray
Absent: 0

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