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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, THE TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO COOPERATE IN A STUDY OF TRAFFIC SAFETY LAWS AND THE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY OF TRAILER PARKS FOR TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS AND RESULTING INJURIES ON THEIR PROPERTY AND TO RECOMMEND LEGISLATION TO THE APPROPRIATE INTERIM COMMITTEE.

WHEREAS, children have been hit by motorists in trailer parks, and because trailer parks are private property, the state cannot prosecute drivers, nor can drivers or trailer park owners be held financially liable under state law; and

WHEREAS, trailer parks should not be sanctuaries for criminal conduct and reckless driving, and perpetrators of lawless behavior should be held accountable, regardless of where they have practiced that behavior;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department of public safety, the taxation and revenue department and the attorney general be requested to cooperate in a study of traffic safety laws and financial responsibility and liability of trailer parks for traffic accidents and resulting injuries on their property and recommend legislation to the appropriate interim committee by December 1, 1996; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the secretary of public safety, the secretary of taxation and revenue and the attorney general.

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