HOUSE BILL 444

43RD LEGISLATURE **- STATE OF NEW MEXICO -** FIRST SESSION, **1997**

INTRODUCED BY

RICK MIERA

AN ACT

RELATING TO BIRTH DEFECTS PREVENTION AND SURVEILLANCE; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

Section 1.   LEGISLATIVE FINDING AND PURPOSE.--The legislature finds and declares that according to national statistics, New Mexico spends an estimated fifty-one million dollars ($51,000,000) each year in services for birth defects and their resultant disabilities and that there is considerable scientific evidence that a number of these birth defects are preventable.   The legislature further finds that the national centers for disease control and prevention cites birth defects surveillance systems as a leading contributor to reducing the occurrence of birth defects and that preventing even one case of spina bifida annually will pay for the entire birth defects

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1 prevention and surveillance system program.

2   Section 2.   APPROPRIATION.--Two hundred fifty thousand

3 dollars ($250,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the

4 public health division of the department of health for

5 expenditure in fiscal year 1998 for the purpose of establishing

6 a surveillance system and enhancing programs to prevent birth

7 defects.   Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at

8 the end of fiscal year 1998 shall revert to the general fund.

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Mr. Speaker:

Your **LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE,** to whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it **DO PASS**, and thence referred to the **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Rick Miera, Chairman

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7   The roll call vote was _5_ For _0_ Against
8   Yes: 5
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