AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH CARE; REQUIRING COVERAGE UNDER MEDICAID FOR PROFESSIONAL LICENSED COUNSELOR AND THERAPIST PRACTITIONERS; ENACTING A NEW SECTION OF THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACT.

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

Section 1. A new section of the Public Assistance Act is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR AND THERAPIST PRACTITIONERS.--The medicaid program shall include coverage for the mental health services offered by, and shall provide payments for mental health services rendered to medicaid patients by, all licensed, professional clinical mental health counselors, marriage and family therapists, professional art therapists and professional mental health counselors as these practitioners are defined in

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1   the Counseling and Therapy Practice Act.   None of these

2   practitioners shall be required to be supervised by other health

3   care providers in order to qualify for payment under the

4   medicaid program."

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State of New Mexico
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FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION, 1997

March 4, 1997

Mr. Speaker:

Your **CONSUMER AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE,** to whom has been referred

HOUSE BILL 1227

has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it **DO PASS**, amended as follows:

1. On page 1, line 20, strike "shall" and insert in lieu thereof "may".

and thence referred to the **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

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Respectfully submitted,

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Gary King, Chairman

Adopted _____   Not Adopted _____

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Date _____

The roll call vote was <u>5</u> For <u>3</u> Against

Yes: 5

No: Crook, Dana, Johnson

Excused: Rios, Sandel

Absent: None

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House of Representatives

FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION, 1997

March 10, 1997

Mr. Speaker:

Your **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE,** to whom has been referred

HOUSE BILL 1227, as amended

has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it **DO PASS**, amended as follows:

1. Strike House Consumer and Public Affairs Committee Amendment 1.

2. On page 2, line 1, before the period insert ", insofar as those services are within the scope of their respective licenses and are substantially equivalent to services rendered by other medicaid providers".

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2   Respectfully submitted,

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14 The roll call vote was __9__ For __8__ Against

15 Yes: 9

16 No: Bird, Buffett, Heaton, Knowles, Marquardt, Pearce,

17   Townsend, Wallace

18 Excused: None

    Absent: None

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FIRST SESSION

March 12, 1997

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENT number ___1___ to HOUSE BILL 1227, as amended

Amendment sponsored by Representative John A. Heaton

    1.   Strike House Appropriations and Finance Committee Amendment 1.

    2.   On page 1, line 11, after the semicolon strike "REQUIRING" and insert in lieu thereof "AUTHORIZING".

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John A. Heaton

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       (Chief Clerk)   (Chief Clerk)

               Date _____

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FIRST SESSION

March 14, 1997

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENT number ___2___ to HOUSE BILL 1227, as amended

Amendment sponsored by Representative Judy Vanderstar Russell

    1. On page 1, line 24, strike ", professional art therapists".

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FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION, 1997

March 21, 1997

Mr. President:

Your **PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**, to whom has been referred

HOUSE BILL 1227, as amended

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Shannon Robinson, Chairman

Adopted_____   Not Adopted_____
            (Chief Clerk)   (Chief Clerk)

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Date _____

The roll call vote was 4 For 1 Against

Yes: 4

No: Ingle

Excused: Adair, Garcia, Vernon, Rodarte

Absent: None

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