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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 34

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1998

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FOR THE HEALTH AND WELFARE REFORM COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

**REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO HEALTH POLICY COMMISSION TO DEVELOP
A PROCESS FOR THE OBJECTIVE ASSESSMENT AND REVIEW OF HEALTH
PROFESSIONALS' SCOPE OF PRACTICE CHANGES.**

**WHEREAS, appropriately licensed health professionals are
central to New Mexico's health care delivery system and the
health and well-being of New Mexicans; and**

**WHEREAS, the scope of practice of a given health
profession may impact the geographic availability of certain
health services; and**

**WHEREAS, the state ensures fundamental quality of care
through its establishment of allowable scopes of practice
administered by licensing and certifications entities; and**

**WHEREAS, the education, training and expertise of various
health professionals is changing rapidly in response to both**

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1 the needs of the state and technology; and

2 WHEREAS, increasingly, different health professions have
3 the potential capacity to perform similar or equivalent
4 services; and

5 WHEREAS, the New Mexico health policy commission's
6 statutory purpose is to serve as a forum for the discussion of
7 complex and controversial health policy issues;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
9 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico health policy
10 commission in cooperation with the state health professional
11 licensing entities formulate recommendations for a process to
12 gather, objectively assess and formulate recommendations on
13 proposed health professionals' scope of practice changes; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that specific information and
15 documentation be considered in the assessment of the proposed
16 change and that the process ensure objective assessment and
17 review of the proposed scope of practice; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that procedures be established for
19 obtaining input from the public and other interested parties
20 and that the most efficient and effective methods be used to
21 ensure that the findings of such a process are incorporated
22 into the policymaking process; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that considerations include
24 required resources to support the process, assessment and
25 potential existing sources for those resources, the

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1 desirability for the requirement of such objective assessment
2 and review prior to consideration by the legislature of the
3 proposed scope of practice changes and a recommendation of the
4 most suitable state entity to oversee and perform the process;
5 and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico health policy
7 commission report its recommendations to the appropriate
8 legislative committee by October 1, 1998; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
10 sent to the chairman of the New Mexico health policy
11 commission, the regulation and licensing department, the
12 department of health, the New Mexico board of medical
13 examiners, the board of nursing and all other appropriate
14 agencies and persons.

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6 **February 3, 1998**
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11 **been referred**
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15 **has had it under consideration and reports same with**
16 **recommendation that it DO PASS.**

17 **Respectfully submitted,**
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22 **Fred Luna, Chairman**
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11 Yes: 8

12 No: Lutz

13 Excused: Getty, Hobbs, Olguin, Varela

14 Absent: None

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Excused: Garcia, Ingle, Smith

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