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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 82

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

INTRODUCED BY

RICK MIERA

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP LEGISLATION FOR THE FIRST SESSION OF THE FORTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE TO REQUIRE INSURERS TO PROVIDE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MASSAGE THERAPY AND TO PROVIDE PATIENT FREEDOM OF CHOICE OF MASSAGE THERAPY.

WHEREAS, massage therapists receive many referrals from state-licensed physicians for treatment of patients for chronic and acute muscular pain; and

WHEREAS, medical research demonstrates that massage is highly effective in treatment of many soft tissue health problems, and massage therapy is cost effective in treatment of acute soft tissue injuries and highly effective in treating premature infants; and

WHEREAS, soft tissue therapies stimulate the body's own

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1 natural self-healing mechanisms, bring immediate and direct
2 pain reduction, are cost effective and complement preventative
3 medicine techniques; and

4 WHEREAS, chronic back pain and carpal tunnel syndrome
5 cause high medical expenses, lost time and low productivity in
6 the workplace and are immediately mitigated by massage
7 therapy; and

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
9 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the legislative health and human
10 services committee together with the board of massage therapy
11 establish a task force to assess the impact of mandating
12 health insurance coverage for massage therapy, including the
13 fiscal impact on the cost of health insurance coverage as well
14 as the quality of care for the patient; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be composed of
16 ten members to include a massage therapist with a
17 neuromuscular or sports massage therapy background, an
18 orthopedic surgeon, a rehabilitation specialist, a
19 chiropractor, a doctor of oriental medicine, a physical
20 therapist, two consumers, a health insurance representative
21 and a business professional; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force report its
23 findings and recommendations to the legislative health and
24 human services committee by November 1, 1998; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

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1 transmitted to members of the legislative health and human
2 services committee.

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8 Mr. Speaker:

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10 Your BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE, to whom has
11 been referred

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15 has had it under consideration and reports same with
16 recommendation that it DO NOT PASS, but that

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20 DO PASS.

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Respectfully submitted,

Fred Luna, Chairman

Adopted _____

Not Adopted _____

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Date _____

The roll call vote was 10 For 0 Against

Yes: 10

Excused: J. G. Taylor, Varela

Absent: Getty

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