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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 INCLUDE IN ITS WORK PLAN THE PREPARATION OF LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE FOR PATIENT CHOICE IN HEALTH CARE.

WHEREAS, it is a fundamental human right that people make their own decisions regarding their health and medical treatment; and

WHEREAS, health maintenance organizations and managed care insurance providers are exercising more and more control over individuals' health care without regard for those individuals' rights or discretion; and

WHEREAS, despite scientific advances and the expansion and enhancement in recent decades of health care alternatives and improvements in care delivery, most insurers still choose not to cover some treatments requested by patients or

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1 prescribed by their primary care physicians;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
3 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the legislative health and human
4 services committee be requested to prepare legislation to re-
5 establish control by patients of their health care by
6 providing for patient choice and integrative medicine that
7 makes conventional and unconventional medical care and health
8 maintenance equally available to all New Mexico citizens
9 regardless of type of insurance coverage or lack of insurance;
10 and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislative health and
12 human services committee submit its legislative
13 recommendations to the first session of the forty-fourth
14 legislature; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
16 transmitted to members of the legislative health and human
17 services committee.

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8 Mr. Speaker:
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10 Your CONSUMER AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to
11 whom has been referred
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15 has had it under consideration and reports same with
16 recommendation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:

- 17 1. On page 2, line 4, strike "prepare" and insert in
18 lieu thereof "consider".
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Respectfully submitted,

Gary K. King, Chairman

Adopted _____

Not Adopted _____

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(Chief Clerk)

Date _____

The roll call vote was 4 For 3 Against

Yes: 4

No: Dana, Johnson, Vaughn

Excused: Crook, Pederson, Sandel

Absent: None

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