44TH LEGISLAT

SENATE BILL 296

44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES; PROVIDING THAT THE USE OF SWEEPSTAKES AS A TOOL IN THE SOLICITATION OF SUBSCRIPTIONS OR OTHER PROPERTY THROUGH THE MAIL IS AN UNFAIR OR DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICE PURSUANT TO THE UNFAIR PRACTICES ACT.

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

Section 1. A new section of the Unfair Practices Act is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] SWEEPSTAKES AS SELLING TOOL PROHIBITED. -A solicitation through the mail offering to sell anything of
value, including a subscription to a newspaper, magazine or
other periodical, is an unfair or deceptive trade practice if
the solicitation is accompanied by an entry form or other
document evidencing that the recipient, by returning the entry
form or other document, will be entered in, and eligible to
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win, a sweepstakes. As used in this section, "sweepstakes" means an event wherein the entrants are given an opportunity to win a prize, the award of which is determined by chance."

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FORTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE FIRST SESSION, 1999 February 4, 1999 Mr. President: Your CORPORATIONS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred SENATE BILL 296 has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the JUDICIARY COMMITTEE. Respectfully submitted,

Roman M Maes, Chairman

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