

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 7

2 **51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2014**

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8 FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

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10 A JOINT RESOLUTION

11 PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 5 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW
12 MEXICO TO CREATE AN INDEPENDENT HEALTH CARE COST AND QUALITY
13 TRANSPARENCY COMMISSION CHARGED WITH MAKING HEALTH CARE COSTS
14 AND OTHER FINANCIAL AND QUALITY DATA AVAILABLE FOR USE BY
15 CONSUMERS, TAXPAYERS AND POLICYMAKERS.

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17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

18 SECTION 1. It is proposed to amend Article 5 of the
19 constitution of New Mexico by adding a new section to read:

20 "The "health care cost and quality transparency
21 commission" is created to serve as the sole entity responsible
22 for promulgating and enforcing standards and regulations to
23 ensure transparency of health care costs and other financial
24 and quality data for use by consumers, taxpayers and
25 policymakers. The commission shall have the power to compel

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1 compliance with its standards and regulations and shall have
2 such other necessary powers and duties as provided by law. The
3 commission shall consist of such number of members and shall
4 have such qualifications as provided by law. Commission
5 members shall be appointed by the executive and legislative
6 branches and serve staggered terms as provided by law."

7 SECTION 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution
8 shall be submitted to the people for their approval or
9 rejection at the next general election or at any special
10 election prior to that date that may be called for that
11 purpose.