

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE MEMBERS OF NEW MEXICO'S CONGRESSIONAL
3 DELEGATION TO ENCOURAGE AUTOMAKERS TO DEVELOP TECHNOLOGY THAT
4 WOULD NOTIFY DRIVERS WHEN A CHILD IS IN A CAR SEAT BEFORE THE
5 DRIVER EXITS THE VEHICLE.

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7 WHEREAS, heatstroke is the leading cause of non-crash
8 vehicle fatalities for children under the age of fourteen;
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10 WHEREAS, on average, thirty-eight children die in hot
11 motor vehicles each year from heat-related causes after being
12 trapped inside those motor vehicles; and

13 WHEREAS, more than one-half of the fatalities occur in
14 children under the age of two; and

15 WHEREAS, a child's temperature-regulating system is not
16 as developed as an adult's and can warm at a rate of three to
17 five times faster than an adult's; and

18 WHEREAS, the number of heatstroke deaths in children
19 that are attributable to their being left unattended in hot
20 motor vehicles is trending upward; and

21 WHEREAS, incidents of heat-related fatalities can occur
22 even on days with relatively mild temperatures because
23 vehicles can reach life-threatening temperatures very
24 rapidly;

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE

1 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the members of New Mexico's
2 congressional delegation be requested to encourage automakers
3 to develop and implement technology that would notify drivers
4 when a child is in a car seat before the driver exits the
5 vehicle; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
7 transmitted to the members of New Mexico's congressional
8 delegation.

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