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2 A MEMORIAL

3 REQUESTING THE MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION OF THE TAXATION AND
4 REVENUE DEPARTMENT TO REPORT ON THE DEVELOPMENT AND
5 IMPLEMENTATION OF EASY-TO-UNDERSTAND GUIDELINES FOR THE
6 ISSUANCE OF NEW MEXICO DRIVER'S LICENSES, DRIVING
7 AUTHORIZATION CARDS AND REAL-ID-COMPLIANT AND
8 NON-REAL-ID-COMPLIANT IDENTIFICATION CARDS.

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10 WHEREAS, in 2016, the legislature passed and the
11 governor signed a law aiming to bring New Mexico into
12 compliance with the federal REAL ID Act of 2005 with a
13 two-tier driver's license structure; and

14 WHEREAS, in 2017, meetings of many stakeholder groups
15 around the state and the taxation and revenue department
16 convened and agreed upon some standards that could clarify
17 the process for those individuals having problems with the
18 rollout of the two-tier licensing scheme in New Mexico; and

19 WHEREAS, the taxation and revenue department and those
20 people applying for driver's licenses, driving authorization
21 cards and REAL-ID-compliant and non-REAL-ID-compliant
22 identification cards have continued to face difficulties and
23 challenges with the implementation of the new provisions of
24 the Motor Vehicle Code and rules promulgated by the taxation
25 and revenue department in that effort; and

1 WHEREAS, there is still statewide and widespread
2 confusion about what documents are required and accepted by
3 the federal government and the taxation and revenue
4 department for the issuance of driver's licenses,
5 driving authorization cards and REAL-ID-compliant and
6 non-REAL-ID-compliant identification cards; and

7 WHEREAS, senior citizens, especially those of the
8 World War II era and older; adopted individuals; residents of
9 rural areas; those with mobility limitations; Native
10 Americans; homeless people; immigrants, both newly arrived
11 and long-established; and individuals with expired or lost
12 documents have faced obstacles when applying for or renewing
13 their state-issued documents; and

14 WHEREAS, deadlines and implementation guidelines imposed
15 by the federal government regarding the federal REAL ID Act
16 of 2005 have changed repeatedly, with some changes made as
17 recently as January 2018, which has added more confusion to
18 the process; and

19 WHEREAS, the taxation and revenue department and all of
20 the people of New Mexico would benefit from a streamlined and
21 easy-to-understand process for the application for and
22 issuance of New Mexico driver's licenses, driving
23 authorization cards and REAL-ID-compliant and
24 non-REAL-ID-compliant identification cards;

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

1 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the taxation and revenue department
2 be requested to report back to the interim legislative health
3 and human services committee and other appropriate interim
4 committees no later than August 2018 to provide a report with
5 an update on implementation of changes since 2017 and changes
6 in deadlines and guidelines issued by the federal government
7 regarding the REAL ID Act of 2005; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that parties representing
9 New Mexico's senior citizens, especially those of the
10 World War II era and older; adopted individuals; residents of
11 rural areas; those with mobility limitations; homeless
12 people; immigrants, both newly arrived and long-established;
13 and individuals with expired or lost documents who have faced
14 obstacles when applying for or renewing their state-issued
15 documents be able to report to the same legislative
16 committees on continued problems or perceived solutions; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
18 transmitted to the governor, the secretary of taxation and
19 revenue and the co-chairs of the New Mexico legislative
20 council.

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