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46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003 INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH CARE; EXPANDING THE PRACTICE SITES AVAILABLE IN STATE-DESIGNATED UNDERSERVED AREAS FOR PURPOSES OF THE NEW MEXICO HEALTH SERVICE CORPS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Section 1. Section 24-1D-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1994, Chapter 63, Section 2) is amended to read:

"24-1D-2. DEFINITIONS. -- As used in the Health Service Corps Act:

- "corps" means the New Mexico health service A. corps;
 - "department" means the department of health; В.
- C. "health professional" means a physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, nurse-midwife or emergency medical technician-paramedic;

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- E. "physician assistant" means a physician assistant or osteopathic physician assistant; and
- F. "practice site" means a public health clinic or public or private [nonprofit] primary care clinic that is located in a state-designated medically underserved area or that serves a high-needs population and that uses a sliding fee scale approved by the department."
- Section 2. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.

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