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SENATE MEMORIAL 41

**47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2006**

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, THE DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION AND THE TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT TO  
COLLABORATE ON A MEANS TO ESTABLISH AND IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM  
PERMITTING CERTAIN DRIVERS TO EXCEED ESTABLISHED SPEED LIMITS.

WHEREAS, reports of drivers who exceed established speed  
limits on New Mexico highways continue unabated; and

WHEREAS, the wide open spaces of the west make exceeding  
the speed limit in some cases less dangerous than in some other  
areas of the country; and

WHEREAS, even some urban areas may have posted speed  
limits that may be unnecessarily low; and

WHEREAS, the state can use revenues earned from certain  
speed-limit-related penalties for worthy projects; and

WHEREAS, state income amassed from sales of a "you've got  
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1 a ticket to speed" could be significant; and

2 WHEREAS, revenues from sales of a "you've got a ticket to  
3 speed" may be devoted to salary raises for state police;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
5 OF NEW MEXICO that the secretary of public safety be requested  
6 to convene a meeting that includes the secretary of  
7 transportation and the secretary of taxation and revenue to  
8 study the possibility of creating a "you've got a ticket to  
9 speed" program by which drivers can purchase a permit to exceed  
10 the established speed limit; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the secretaries be requested  
12 to consider the pragmatic steps required to implement such a  
13 program, including whether drivers with a ticket to speed would  
14 require a license plate decal or other means of signaling law  
15 enforcement, whether the ticket to speed is limited to rural  
16 areas or also includes municipalities and whether the ticket to  
17 speed is better sold in one sum or in three, five mile-per-hour  
18 increments, up to fifteen miles per hour over the posted speed  
19 limit; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the secretaries be requested  
21 to jointly report to the interim legislative health and human  
22 services committee before its October 2006 meeting; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
24 transmitted to the secretaries of public safety, transportation  
25 and taxation and revenue.

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