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A MEMORIAL

EXPRESSING CONCERN ABOUT ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES OF UNLICENSED CONTRACTORS IN THE CONSTRUCTION TRADES.

WHEREAS, persons claiming wrongfully to be licensed contractors sometimes prey on the poor and elderly of New Mexico by performing unsatisfactory and potentially harmful home repairs; and

WHEREAS, unscrupulous activities by unlicensed contractors inflict financial and emotional harm on those least able to defend themselves; and

WHEREAS, unlicensed contractors do not have the surety required of licensed contractors that can provide protection for consumers against injury resulting from incomplete or improper home repairs; and

WHEREAS, the construction industries division of the regulation and licensing department makes every effort to discourage illegal behavior in the construction trades and to alert consumers to illegal and unethical activities of unlicensed contractors; and

WHEREAS, radio and television stations make air time available to public officials to warn residents against illegal and harmful practices;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it request the construction

1 industries division of the regulation and licensing
2 department to take every opportunity through media
3 announcements to warn the people of New Mexico about
4 unscrupulous and unethical activities by persons wrongfully
5 claiming to be licensed contractors; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
7 transmitted to the superintendent of regulation and licensing
8 and the director of the construction industries division.

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