

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP
3 TO STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE INSPECTION,
4 TESTING AND MAINTENANCE OF FIRE DAMPERS, SMOKE DAMPERS AND
5 SMOKE CONTROL SYSTEMS.

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7 WHEREAS, fire dampers, smoke dampers and smoke control
8 systems that are not properly inspected and maintained
9 present a risk to the health and safety of the residents of
10 New Mexico; and

11 WHEREAS, faulty and inoperable fire dampers, smoke
12 dampers and smoke control systems are likely to exist in
13 New Mexico without periodic inspection and testing as
14 required by any adopted code and applicable industry codes
15 and standards; and

16 WHEREAS, fire dampers, smoke dampers and smoke control
17 systems are installed and maintained in the ductwork of the
18 heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems of
19 buildings throughout New Mexico in accordance with applicable
20 state and local laws and industry codes and standards; and

21 WHEREAS, fire dampers, smoke dampers and smoke control
22 systems impede the spread of fire and smoke to areas beyond
23 the origin of a fire; and

24 WHEREAS, the New Mexico Commercial Building Code has
25 adopted and incorporated by reference the International Fire

1 Code; and

2 WHEREAS, the International Fire Code requires that fire
3 dampers, smoke dampers and smoke control systems be
4 installed, inspected, tested and maintained in accordance
5 with the national fire protection association standards;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
7 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state fire marshal be requested
8 to convene a working group to study, evaluate and make
9 recommendations concerning the inspection requirements
10 applicable to fire dampers, smoke dampers and smoke control
11 systems; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group study,
13 evaluate and make recommendations regarding particularized
14 requirements for the inspection, testing and maintenance of
15 fire dampers, smoke dampers and smoke control systems in
16 facilities that house occupants who require evacuation
17 assistance; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group study,
19 evaluate and make recommendations concerning the
20 certification of contractors who perform inspection, testing
21 and maintenance of fire dampers, smoke dampers and smoke
22 control systems; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group include
24 representatives from local fire departments, hospitals,
25 assisted living facilities, the fire insurance industry, the

1 corrections department, the office of the state fire marshal,
2 the construction industries division of the regulation and
3 licensing department and contractors and others responsible
4 for the inspection, testing and maintenance of fire dampers,
5 smoke dampers and smoke control systems; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
7 transmitted to the office of the state fire marshal, the
8 corrections department, the New Mexico center for assisted
9 living, the New Mexico state fire fighters' association, the
10 New Mexico fire chiefs association, the New Mexico
11 professional fire fighters association, the New Mexico sheet
12 metal contractors association, the New Mexico hospital
13 association and the sheet metal workers local union 49. _____

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