1	SENATE BILL 25
2	52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2016
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8	FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
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10	AN ACT
11	RELATING TO PUBLIC HEALTH; REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
12	TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO MAKE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
13	REGARDING NURSE ADVICE LINE SERVICES; MAKING AN
14	APPROPRIATION FOR NEW MEXICO-BASED NURSE ADVICE LINE SERVICES.
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16	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:
17	SECTION 1. TEMPORARY PROVISION The department of health
18	shall convene a task force to make findings and recommendations
19	for achieving greater efficiencies in nurse advice line
20	services, eliminating silos and integrating nurse advice lines
21	with public and private health systems throughout the state.
22	The task force shall consist of representatives from the
23	department of health, the medical assistance division of the
24	human services department, the New Mexico primary care
25	association, the New Mexico nurses association, the New Mexico
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hospital association and nurse advice New Mexico. The task
 force shall report its findings and recommendations to the
 legislative health and human services committee on or before
 October 1, 2016.

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION. -- Seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the department of health for expenditure in fiscal year 2017 to contract for New Mexico-based nurse advice line services twenty-four hours a day to reduce emergency room and hospital costs for New Mexicans. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2017 shall revert to the general fund.

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