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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 5

**42ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION,  
1996**

INTRODUCED BY  
ELIZABETH T. STEFANICS

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION AND THE DEPARTMENT  
OF INSURANCE TO STUDY DISCREPANCIES IN THE NEW MEXICO INSURANCE  
CODE RELATED TO INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY  
QUALIFIED ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSES.

WHEREAS, advanced practice nurses are providing valuable  
health care services to the citizens of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, advanced practice nurses are providers of choice  
of many citizens of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, insurance coverage for health care services  
provided by advanced practice nurses is included in the New  
Mexico Insurance Code under Chapter 59A, Article 22 NMSA 1978  
health insurance contracts; and

WHEREAS, insurance coverage for health care services

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1 provided by advanced practice nurses is not included in the New  
2 Mexico Insurance Code under Chapter 59A, Article 47 NMSA 1978  
3 nonprofit health care plans; and

4 WHEREAS, advanced practice nurses are included in the  
5 Health Maintenance Organization Law under Section 59A-46-2 NMSA  
6 1978, but excluded from Section 59A-46-32 NMSA 1978; and

7 WHEREAS, the lack of insurance coverage provided in the New  
8 Mexico Insurance Code for advanced practice nurses results in  
9 loss of effective utilization of qualified, competent health  
10 care providers that, in turn, directly impacts access to health  
11 care services for New Mexico citizens;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
13 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state corporation commission and  
14 the department of insurance study and propose corrections in the  
15 discrepancies that exist in the New Mexico Insurance Code that  
16 relate to insurance coverage through insurance contracts,  
17 nonprofit health care plans and health maintenance organizations  
18 for health care services provided by qualified advanced practice  
19 nurses; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
21 transmitted to the commissioners of the state corporation  
22 commission and the superintendent of insurance.

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7 Mr. President:  
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9 Your RULES COMMI TTEE, to whom has been referred  
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The roll call vote was 5 For 0 Against

Yes: 5

No: 0

Excused: EJennings, Altamirano, Aragon

Absent: None

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7 Mr. President:  
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The roll call vote was 5 For 0 Against

Yes: 5

No: None

Excused: Naranjo, E. Jennings, Garcia

Absent: None

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# State of New Mexico House of Representatives

FORTY- SECOND LEGISLATURE  
SECOND SESSION, 1996

February 13, 1996

Mr. Speaker:

Your CONSUMER AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to  
whom has been referred

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recommendation that it DO PASS.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gary K. King, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 7 For 0 Against

Yes: 7

Excused: Baca, Charley, Sandel, Vigil

Absent: None

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