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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 18

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

INTRODUCED BY

MAX COLL

FOR THE HEALTH CARE REFORM COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO HEALTH POLICY COMMISSION TO WORK WITH THE TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT TO ADOPT UNIFORM DEFINITIONS AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS REGARDING CHARITY CARE FOR HEALTH CARE FACILITIES AND TO ESTABLISH MINIMUM ACCOUNTABILITY STANDARDS.

WHEREAS, hospitals and other health care facilities provide uncompensated health care services; and

WHEREAS, no consistent method exists for defining and identifying bad debts, charity care, discounts and allowances and other forms of uncompensated care; and

WHEREAS, hospitals and other health care facilities reportedly use a number of different policies and procedures for collecting amounts owed; and

WHEREAS, inconsistent reporting of uncompensated care

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1 limits the state's ability to assess objectively the amount of
2 health care services being provided for which no reimbursement
3 is available or received; and

4 WHEREAS, inconsistent measures do not permit accurate
5 assessment of the magnitude of cost-shifting or its potential
6 effect on health planning; and

7 WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the state to derive a
8 benefit in exchange for tax exemptions and deductions;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
10 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico health policy commission
11 be requested to work with the taxation and revenue department to
12 adopt uniform definitions and standard measures for
13 uncompensated care and to require reporting of uncompensated
14 care to the state; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that cost shifting of health care
16 costs be uniformly tracked and reported and its impact on health
17 care delivery in the state be assessed; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that minimum levels of charity care
19 for hospitals and other health care facilities be proposed or
20 adopted to govern an entity's right to relevant tax exemptions
21 and deductions; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be sent
23 to the secretary of taxation and revenue and the chairman of the
24 New Mexico health policy commission.

State of New Mexico House of Representatives

FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION, 1997

February 12, 1997

Mr. Speaker:

Your TAXATION AND REVENUE COMMITTEE, to whom has
been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with
recommendation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:

1. On page 1, line 12, insert "THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
AND" before "THE".

2. On page 2, line 11, after the word "the" insert
"department of health and the".

3. On page 2, line 23, after the first "of" insert health
and to the secretary of".,

and thence referred to the APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE
COMMITTEE.

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Respectfully submitted,

Jerry W. Sandel, Chairman

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Date _____

The roll call vote was 11 For 0 Against

Yes: 11

Excused: Lovejoy, Parsons

Absent: None

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February 25, 1997

Mr. Speaker:

**Your APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE, to
whom has been referred**

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**has had it under consideration and reports same with
recommendation that it DO PASS.**

Respectfully submitted,

Max Coll, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 11 For 0 Against

Yes: 11

Excused: Buffett, Heaton, Saavedra, Salazar, Taylor, JP, Varela

Absent: None

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FIRST SESSION, 1997

March 17, 1997

Mr. President:

Your WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 18, as amended

has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it DO PASS.

Respectfully submitted,

Carlos R. Cisneros, Chairman

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Date _____

The roll call vote was 7 For 0 Against

Yes: 7

No: 0

Excused: McSorley, Nava

Absent: None

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