

1 HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 22

2 43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1998

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING MUNICIPAL, MAGISTRATE AND DISTRICT JUDGES TO USE
12 IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICES AS PART OF THE PROBATION OR
13 SENTENCE FOR DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED.

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15 WHEREAS, driving while intoxicated is a serious criminal
16 justice problem in New Mexico; and

17 WHEREAS, when a drunk cannot drive, someone else may be
18 saved from death or bodily harm; and

19 WHEREAS, ignition interlock systems, an offender-funded
20 program rather than a taxpayer-funded program, is an effective
21 tool to stop intoxicated persons from driving; and

22 WHEREAS, the system works by requiring a driver to pass
23 an alcohol breath test each time he tries to drive; and

24 WHEREAS, the system provides the court, probation
25 officers and others with important monitoring information,

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1 including the number of times a defendant tried to drive and
2 failed because of intoxication; and

3 WHEREAS, this means of reducing the number of drunk
4 drivers on our streets and highways should be part of the
5 sentencing options available to trial judges;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
7 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that municipal, magistrate and district
8 judges be encouraged to use ignition interlock systems as part
9 of the sentencing, including probation, of defendants found
10 guilty of driving while intoxicated; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each court consider ignition
12 interlock systems for both first-time offenders and repeat
13 offenders; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
15 sent to all municipal, magistrate and district judges; the
16 supreme court; and the administrative office of the courts.

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2 **SECOND SESSION, 1998**

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5 **February 4, 1998**

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7 **Mr. Speaker:**

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9 **Your JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred**

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11 **HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 22**

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

15 **Respectfully submitted,**

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20 **Thomas P. Foy, Chairman**

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10 The roll call vote was 10 For 0 Against

11 Yes: 10

12 Excused: Alwin, Larranaga, Sanchez

13 Absent: None

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Respectfully submitted,

Fernando R. Macias, Chairman

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