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HOUSE BILL 36

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH; PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF METHADONE  
CLINICS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. METHADONE CLINICS--REGULATION BY THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH. --

A. The federal government requires the state to  
approve the establishment of all new methadone clinics. In an  
effort to maintain compliance with the federal requirement, the  
department of health shall regulate the establishment and  
continuance of methadone clinics in New Mexico in accordance  
with its powers and duties as the state's public health agency  
and drug abuse agency.

B. In regulating methadone clinics, the department  
of health shall perform an assessment of the need for clinics

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1 and develop clinical and administrative standards as required  
2 by federal law. The department may consider other factors it  
3 deems necessary to ensure the provision of drug abuse treatment  
4 services and the protection of the health and safety of New  
5 Mexico citizens.

6 C. For the purposes of this section, "methadone  
7 clinic" means a public or private facility that dispenses  
8 methadone for the detoxification treatment or maintenance  
9 treatment of narcotic addicts.

10 Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. --The effective date of the  
11 provisions of this act is July 1, 2003.