

A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT EFFORTS BE CONTINUED TO REQUIRE THAT ALL NEW
AND USED MOTOR VEHICLES SOLD IN NEW MEXICO BE EQUIPPED WITH AN
IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICE.

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WHEREAS, during the 2004 legislative session, an innovative, technology-
based proposal, offered as a means to address DWI, was examined by lawmakers;
and

WHEREAS, that proposal called for a statutory requirement that all new and
used motor vehicles sold in New Mexico be equipped with an ignition interlock
device; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico legislature has previously embraced the use of
ignition interlock devices to curb DWI, as evidenced by enactment of the Ignition
Interlock Licensing Act and enactment of legislation that requires installation of
ignition interlock devices on the motor vehicles of DWI offenders; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico is uniquely positioned to emerge as a national
leader in efforts to reduce DWI through the increased use of technology, given the
presence of two national laboratories in our state; and

WHEREAS, a sustained effort to develop laws and technology that make it
feasible to equip all motor vehicles with ignition interlock devices has the potential to
dramatically reduce DWI in our state; and

WHEREAS, state officials should coordinate their efforts with the New
Mexico congressional delegation;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it request that efforts
be continued to require that all new and used motor vehicles sold in New Mexico be
equipped with an ignition interlock device; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to
the New Mexico congressional delegation.

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