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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE RETIREE HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY TO INVESTIGATE THE
FEASIBILITY OF ADDING A MAIL-ORDER PROGRAM OF IMPORTATION OF
PRESCRIPTION DRUGS TO THE DISCOUNT PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the retiree health care authority has the
statutory responsibility to administer the discount
prescription drug program; and

WHEREAS, the cost of brand name prescription drugs remains
prohibitively expensive for some New Mexicans; and

WHEREAS, some of the most expensive brand name
prescription drugs are taken on a regular basis over long
periods of time to manage chronic illnesses; and

WHEREAS, certain mail-order pharmacies that operate
outside the United States, in Canada and the United Kingdom,
are able to provide a majority of name brand medications to

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1 citizens of the United States at a lower cost than what is paid
2 in New Mexico in the retail setting; and

3 WHEREAS, a number of states have established initiatives
4 to use an internet-based, mail-order program to allow their
5 residents to import prescription drugs from Canada, the United
6 Kingdom and Ireland;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
8 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the retiree
9 health care authority be requested to investigate the
10 feasibility of providing a mail-order component to the discount
11 prescription drug program that includes the importation of
12 prescription drugs from Canada and the United Kingdom; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the investigation address any
14 legal impediments as well as a quantitative analysis of the
15 potential cost savings of implementing such a program; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the retiree health care
17 authority present a report on the results of its investigation
18 to the interim legislative health and human services committee
19 at its November 2009 meeting; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
21 transmitted to the New Mexico retiree health care authority.