

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS, THE MOTOR  
3 VEHICLE DIVISION OF THE TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT, THE  
4 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, THE CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT AND  
5 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF  
6 PROVIDING AN ANTABUSE OPTION TO THE IGNITION INTERLOCK  
7 REQUIREMENT.

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9 WHEREAS, all persons convicted of DWI are required to  
10 obtain an ignition interlock license and to have an ignition  
11 interlock device installed on their vehicles; and

12 WHEREAS, it is estimated that only one-half of the  
13 persons convicted of DWI obtain an ignition interlock device;  
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15 WHEREAS, many DWI offenders drive despite having their  
16 driver's license revoked, resulting in New Mexico having the  
17 largest percentage of unlicensed drivers involved in fatal  
18 crashes; and

19 WHEREAS, some offenders are required to drive multiple  
20 vehicles and may comply more readily if there were a voluntary  
21 alternative to installing an ignition interlock device in each  
22 vehicle; and

23 WHEREAS, the drug disulfiram, commonly known as  
24 antabuse, is approved by the federal food and drug  
25 administration for the treatment of alcohol abuse and

1 dependence and helps people stop drinking by causing a severe  
2 adverse reaction if the person drinks while taking it; and

3 WHEREAS, allowing disulfiram as a voluntary alternative  
4 to obtaining an ignition interlock device would allow more  
5 DWI offenders to drive sober and legally; and

6 WHEREAS, a task force should study the feasibility of  
7 allowing the medication disulfiram as a voluntary alternative  
8 to obtaining an ignition interlock device;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
10 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the administrative office of the  
11 courts, the motor vehicle division of the taxation and  
12 revenue department, the department of transportation, the  
13 corrections department and the department of public safety be  
14 requested to form a task force to study the feasibility and  
15 estimate the costs or savings of allowing disulfiram as a  
16 voluntary alternative to the installation of an ignition  
17 interlock device; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force consider  
19 various methods of implementing the disulfiram option  
20 effectively, and consider the following example: an offender  
21 would obtain an "ignition interlock-disulfiram" license and,  
22 if disulfiram is the option, be able to drive legally as long  
23 as the offender carries proof of being current on the  
24 disulfiram dosage; enforcement would include the offender  
25 ingesting the medicine in front of a probation and parole

1 officer or other officer; and the officer would provide the  
2 offender with a certificate allowing the offender to drive on  
3 the license until the next dose of disulfiram is required;  
4 and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force report its  
6 findings and recommendations to the appropriate interim  
7 legislative committee no later than November 2010; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
9 transmitted to the director of the administrative office of  
10 the courts, the director of the motor vehicle division of the  
11 taxation and revenue department, the secretary of  
12 transportation, the secretary of corrections and the  
13 secretary of public safety. \_\_\_\_\_