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HOUSE BILL 467

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

INTRODUCED BY

EDWARD C. SANDOVAL

FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE; ENACTING A SECTION OF THE NMSA
1978 TO PROHIBIT HEALTH INSURERS FROM DISCRIMINATING AGAINST
PERSONS WITH SEVERE PERSISTENT BIOLOGICALLY BASED MENTAL
ILLNESS.

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

Section 1. A new section of Chapter 59A, Article 16 NMSA
1978 is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PERSONS WITH SEVERE
PERSISTENT BIOLOGICALLY BASED MENTAL ILLNESS. --No insurer,
including health maintenance organizations, nonprofit health
care plans and fraternal benefit societies, shall on the basis
of a person's severe persistent biologically based mental
illness refuse to insure, refuse to continue to insure, limit

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1 the amount, extent or kind of coverage available to a person or
2 treat any person with a severe persistent biologically based
3 mental illness differently than a person with any other illness
4 with respect to the terms, conditions, rates, benefits or
5 requirements of an insurance contract. For purposes of this
6 section, "severe persistent biologically based mental illness"
7 means schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, pervasive developmental
8 disorder or autism, paranoia, panic disorder, obsessive-
9 compulsive disorder or any major depressive disorder. "

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State of New Mexico House of Representatives

FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION, 1997

February 25, 1997

Mr. Speaker:

Your BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE, to whom has
been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with
recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the
JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Luna, Chairman

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Date _____

The roll call vote was 8 For 2 Against

Yes: 8

No: Alwin, Lutz

Excused: Gubbels, Olguin

Absent: Getty

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FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION, 1997

March 10, 1997

Mr. Speaker:

Your JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with
recommendation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:

1. On page 2, lines 7 through 8, strike "pervasive developmental disorder or autism" and insert in lieu thereof "clinical depression".
2. On page 2, line 8, strike the comma after "disorder" and insert in lieu thereof "or".
3. On page 2, line 9, strike "or any major depressive disorder".

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Respectfully submitted,

Thomas P. Foy, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 5 For 4 Against

Yes: 5

No: Carpenter, Foy, M P. Garcia, King

Excused: Mallory, Pederson, Rios, Sanchez

Absent: None

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10 Mr. President:

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12 Your CORPORATIONS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, to
13 whom has been referred

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17 has had it under consideration and reports same with
18 recommendation that it DO PASS.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Roman M. Maes, III, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 4 For 3 Against

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Yes: 4

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No: Kidd, Leavell, Wilson

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Excused: Fidel, Robinson, Maes

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Absent: None

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