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HOUSE BILL 856

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

INTRODUCED BY

RICK MIERA

AN ACT

RELATING TO INSURANCE; AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO DOCTORS OF  
ORIENTAL MEDICINE BY INSURERS OFFERING MEDICAL PAYMENTS AS PART  
OF VEHICLE COVERAGE; ENACTING A NEW SECTION OF THE NMSA 1978.

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

Section 1. A new section of Article 32 of the New Mexico  
Insurance Code is enacted to read:

" NEW MATERIAL FREEDOM OF CHOICE-- DOCTOR OF ORIENTAL  
MEDICINE. --

A. Within the area and limits of coverage offered an  
insured and selected by him in the application for insurance,  
for vehicle insurance medical payments as defined in Subsection  
D of Section 59A-7-7 NMSA 1978, the right of any person to  
exercise full freedom of choice in the selection of any licensed  
doctor of oriental medicine for treatment within his scope of

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1 practice shall not be restricted under any new policy of vehicle  
2 insurance issued after July 1, 1997 in this state or in the  
3 processing of any claim made pursuant to that policy. Any  
4 person insured or claiming benefits under the medical payments  
5 portion of such vehicle insurance policy providing within its  
6 coverage for payment of benefits or indemnity for any condition  
7 or circumstance described in Subsection D of Section 59A-7-7  
8 NMSA 1978 shall be deemed to have complied with the requirements  
9 of the policy as to submission of proof of loss upon submitting  
10 written proof supported by any doctor of oriental medicine.

11 B. As used in this section, "doctor of oriental  
12 medicine" means a person licensed as a doctor of oriental  
13 medicine pursuant to the Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine  
14 Practice Act. "

# State of New Mexico House of Representatives

FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION, 1997

February 27, 1997

Mr. Speaker:

Your CONSUMER AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to  
whom has been referred

HOUSE BILL 856

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Gary King, Chairman

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

The roll call vote was 5 For 3 Against

Yes: 5

No: Crook, Dana, Heaton

Excused: Rios, Sandel

Absent: None

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# **State of New Mexico House of Representatives**

**FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION, 1997**

**March 11, 1997**

**Mr. Speaker:**

**Your BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE, to whom has  
been referred**

**HOUSE BILL 856**

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

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**Fred Luna, Chairman**

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

The roll call vote was 10 For 0 Against

Yes: 10

Excused: Alwin, Getty, Olguin

Absent: None

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FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION, 1997

March 18, 1997

Mr. President:

Your CORPORATIONS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, to  
whom has been referred

HOUSE BILL 856

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Roman M. Maes, III, Chairman

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10 The roll call vote was 7 For 0 Against

11 Yes: 7

12 No: 0

13 Excused: Fidel, Howes, Robinson

14 Absent: None

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