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HOUSE BILL 1064

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

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH CARE FACILITY SECURITY; PROVIDING FOR  
REASONABLE DETENTION OF A PERSON COMMITTING CRIMES.

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

Section 1. SHORT TITLE. --This act may be cited as the  
"Health Care Facility Security Act".

Section 2. DEFINITION. --As used in the Health Care  
Facility Security Act, "health care facility" means a public or  
private place where a health care worker performs health care  
services and includes hospitals, clinics, doctors' offices,  
dentists' offices and any private premises in which a health  
care worker is actually performing a health care service.

Section 3. DETENTION BY SECURITY OFFICER. --If a special or  
security officer has probable cause to believe that a person has  
committed a crime at a health care facility, the officer may

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1 take the suspected person into custody and detain him in a  
2 reasonable manner for a reasonable amount of time pending  
3 arrival of a law enforcement officer. Upon receiving the report  
4 of the special or security officer and investigating the  
5 complaint, the law enforcement officer may take the detained  
6 person into custody.

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