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SENATE BILL 935

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

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AN ACT

RELATING TO COURTS; ENACTING A NEW SECTION OF THE NMSA 1978 TO
REQUIRE MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO COURT RULES.

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

Section 1. MANDATORY MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION. --In a suit
filed in a metropolitan or a district court in which a money
judgment of no more than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000)
is sought, excluding interest, costs and attorney fees, the
court shall refer the dispute to settlement through mediation.
If settlement is not reached after a reasonable period of time
determined by the court, the court shall refer the case to
arbitration. The supreme court may implement this provision by
rules of court.

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7 Mr. President:
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9 Your PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to whom has been
10 referred
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14 has had it under consideration and reports same with
15 recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the
16 JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.
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18 Respectfully submitted,
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The roll call vote was 5 For 0 Against

Yes: 5

No: 0

Excused: Garcia, Ingle, Smith, Adair

Absent: None

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