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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 81

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

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONVENE A WORK GROUP TO DEVELOP PROTOCOLS FOR REPORTING INCIDENTS AND ALLEGATIONS OF RESIDENT ABUSE IN LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES.

WHEREAS, long-term care facilities and employees of long-term care facilities are required to report incidents of abuse, neglect and exploitation of residents; and

WHEREAS, reports must be made to local law enforcement offices and three different agencies of state government, including the health facility licensing and certification bureau of the public health division of the department of health, the protective services division of the children, youth and families department and the state agency on aging; and

WHEREAS, the reporting obligations in some cases differ from agency to agency, and differ even within the same agency in

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1 different counties, and in other cases are duplicative; and

2 WHEREAS, these multiple requirements lead to confusion on
3 the part of the long-term care facility staff and can result in
4 inconsistencies in reporting allegations and incidents; and

5 WHEREAS, the protection of residents of long-term care
6 facilities must be assured and a unified approach to reporting
7 requirements would ensure more appropriate responses to reports
8 of allegations and incidents of abuse;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
10 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the chief of the health facility
11 licensing and certification bureau of the public health division
12 of the department of health be requested to convene a work group
13 that includes representation from the protective services
14 division of the children, youth and families department, the
15 state agency on aging and the New Mexico health care association
16 to develop reporting protocols for incidents and allegations of
17 resident abuse in long-term care facilities, which will:

18 A. ensure that residents of long-term care
19 facilities are protected by appropriate reporting of allegations
20 and incidents of abuse, neglect or exploitation;

21 B. reduce unnecessary or duplicative reporting
22 requirements; and

23 C. achieve consistent statewide application of
24 reporting protocols and requirements; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be sent

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1 to the secretary of health, the chief of the health facility
2 licensing and certification bureau of the public health division
3 of the department of health, the secretary of children, youth
4 and families, the director of the protective services division
5 of the children, youth and families department, the director of
6 the state agency on aging and the executive director of the New
7 Mexico health care association.

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FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION, 1997

March 13, 1997

Mr. Speaker:

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Gary King, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 7 For 0 Against

Yes: 7

Excused: Rios, Sandel, Vigil

Absent: None

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March 18, 1997

Mr. President:

Your PUBLIC AFFAIRS 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,

Shannon Robinson, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against

Yes: 6

No: 0

Excused: Boitano, Feldman, Vernon

Absent: None

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