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HOUSE BILL 555

44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999

INTRODUCED BY

Gloria C. Vaughn

AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH; AMENDING THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT TO ADD
COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER TO THE DEFINITION OF HEALTH
FACILITY.

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

Section 1. Section 24-1-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1973,
Chapter 359, Section 2, as amended) is amended to read:

"24-1-2. DEFINITIONS. -- As used in the Public Health Act:

A. "department" or "division" means the children,
youth and families department as to child-care centers and
facilities and the department of health as to all other health
facilities;

B. "director" means the secretary;

C. "person", when used without further
qualification, means any individual or any other form of

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1 entity recognized by law;

2 D. "health facility" means any public hospital,
3 profit or nonprofit private hospital, general or special
4 hospital, outpatient facility, maternity home or shelter,
5 adult day-care facility, nursing home, intermediate care
6 facility, boarding home not under the control of an
7 institution of higher learning, child-care center, shelter
8 care home, diagnostic and treatment center, rehabilitation
9 center, infirmary, community mental health center or a health
10 service organization operating as a free-standing hospice or a
11 home health agency. The designation of these entities as
12 health facilities is only for the purposes of definition in
13 the Public Health Act and does not imply that a free-standing
14 hospice or a home health agency is considered a health
15 facility for the purposes of other provisions of state or
16 federal laws. "Health facility" also includes those
17 facilities which, by federal regulation, must be licensed by
18 the state to obtain or maintain full or partial, permanent or
19 temporary federal funding. It does not include the offices
20 and treatment rooms of licensed private practitioners; and

21 E. "secretary" means the secretary of children,
22 youth and families as to child-care centers and facilities and
23 the secretary of health as to all other health facilities."

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8 Mr. President:

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10 Your PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to whom has been
11 referred

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

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19 Respectfully submitted,

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25 Shannon Robinson, Chairman

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1 Adopted _____ Not

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10 The roll call vote was 5 For 0 Against

11 Yes: 5

12 No: 0

13 Excused: Boitano, Ingle, Stockard, Smith

14 Absent: None

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