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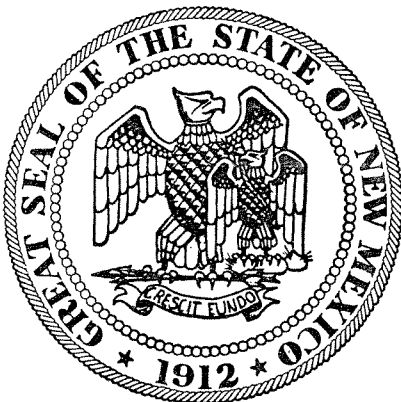
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CHAPTER _____

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 40, as amended

Introduced by

SENATOR DEDE FELDMAN
SENATOR PHIL A. GRIEGO



1 A JOINT MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES
3 DEPARTMENT, THE TOURISM DEPARTMENT, THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT
4 OF AGRICULTURE, NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY'S RANGE
5 IMPROVEMENT TASK FORCE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND FISH TO
6 COOPERATE IN CONDUCTING A STUDY ON OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLE
7 USE.

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9 WHEREAS, there is not a New Mexico centralized,
10 organized database on which to assess and compare the
11 economic, social, historic, cultural, archaeological and
12 environmental contributions and impacts of non-motorized
13 outdoor recreation, including hunting, fishing, camping,
14 hiking, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, horseback riding,
15 bird watching, mountain biking, archaeological exploration,
16 natural resources education, agriculture and ranching with
17 motorized recreation; and

18 WHEREAS, other state studies have found that motorized
19 recreation is negatively impacting non-motorized recreation
20 that results in significant costly consequences; and

21 WHEREAS, in order for state and local governments to
22 appropriately and adequately address both management problems
23 and solutions, it is essential to have factual and
24 science-based information to make the most prudent choices for
25 expenditure of revenues both in the immediate future and the

1 long run; and

2 WHEREAS, there are many sources of information on the
3 economic benefits and costs of both non-motorized and
4 motorized off-road vehicle recreation, but there is not any
5 New Mexico study that has assimilated, analyzed and
6 summarized that information in a central study or created an
7 economic, cultural, social, archaeological and environmental
8 matrix for all recreation users that could serve policymakers
9 and land managers to guide decisions; and

10 WHEREAS, goals of sound recreation policy should ensure
11 that income produced from all forms of outdoor recreation
12 exceeds the cost to the public to allow, support and maintain
13 it, and the state's natural, cultural, social, historic and
14 archaeological resources will be protected for use by future
15 generations;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
17 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the energy, minerals and natural
18 resources department, the tourism department, the New Mexico
19 department of agriculture, New Mexico state university's
20 range improvement task force and the department of game and
21 fish be requested to cooperate with other state agencies to
22 conduct a study and recommend actions to resolve user
23 conflicts, prevent future resource damage and provide greater
24 safety protections for motorized recreation users; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study include a

1 compilation and summary of studies done in other states and
2 regions whose data and recommendations are applicable to New
3 Mexico; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study identify
5 enforcement, monitoring, restoration, institutional and
6 information needs, cost-benefit comparison of motorized and
7 non-motorized recreationists and an inventory of private,
8 federal and state off-road vehicle parks in New Mexico; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study include
10 recommendations on what measures need to be in place for the
11 public to have access to statistical information on off-road
12 vehicle accidents, including their locations, types of
13 injuries, incidents, if any, of broken laws and, if required,
14 whether protective gear was worn at the time of injury; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the energy, minerals and
16 natural resources department and the department of game and
17 fish report their findings and recommendations to the
18 governor and the appropriate interim committee of the
19 legislature by December 31, 2008; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
21 transmitted to the secretary of energy, minerals and natural
22 resources, the secretary of tourism, the director of the New
23 Mexico department of agriculture, the chair of New Mexico
24 state university's range improvement task force and the
25 director of the department of game and fish. _____

s/Diane D. Denish

Diane D. Denish, President
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