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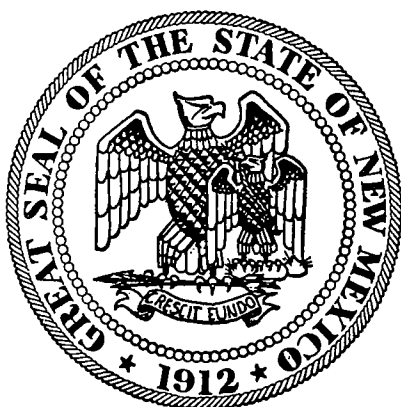
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CHAPTER _____

SENATE MEMORIAL 1

Introduced by

SENATOR STEVE KOMADINA



1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO HEALTH POLICY COMMISSION TO
3 CONTINUE THE TASK FORCE ON OBSTETRIC HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER
4 LIABILITY INSURANCE.

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6 WHEREAS, there is a continuing crisis in obstetric
7 health care access because malpractice premiums for all types
8 of health care providers, including certified nurse-midwives,
9 primary care physicians and obstetricians, are escalating;
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11 WHEREAS, those escalating costs threaten access to
12 childbirth services, especially in underserved and rural
13 areas where certified nurse-midwives provide many services;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, one-third of all vaginal births in New Mexico
16 are delivered by certified nurse-midwives; and

17 WHEREAS, various task forces have been working to find
18 solutions to this problem for three years;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
20 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico health policy
21 commission be requested to continue the work of its task
22 force on health care practitioner liability insurance to find
23 solutions to the continuing crisis in obstetric health care;
24 and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force submit its

1 findings and recommendations by October 2008 to the
2 legislative health and human services committee, the
3 legislative finance committee and the office of the governor;
4 and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
6 transmitted to the New Mexico health policy commission and the
7 chair of the legislative health and human services committee. =

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s/Diane D. Denish

Diane D. Denish, President
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s/Lenore M. Naranjo

Lenore M. Naranjo, Chief Clerk
Senate