

New Mexico Unlicensed Health Care Practice Act Legislative History

Prior to the implementation of the New Mexico Unlicensed Health Care Practice Act on 1 July 2009,, people's access to traditional, cultural, complementary and alternative health care therapies and a practitioner's right to provide the same were not protected by law. The following, is a chronological history of NM legislation leading up to the passing of the NM Unlicensed Health Care Practice Act (HB664).

New Mexico Legislature, 2006 Regular Session

Senate Memorial 20 Study Protection of Alternative Health Care

Sponsor: Steve Komadina

A study to assess whether the public's right to freely access traditional, cultural, complementary and alternative health care therapies and remedies is adequately protected by law.

<http://nmlegis.gov/Sessions/06%20Regular/final/SM020.pdf>

History:

- Introduced in the Senate by Senator S. Komadina (1/26/06)
- Senate Rules Committee: passed (2/10/06)
- Senate Public Affairs Committee: passed (2/14/06)
- Passed Senate

Senate Memorial 21 Health Tourism Task Force

Sponsor: Steve Komadina

The tourism department, regulation and licensing department and economic development department collaborate on the creation of a health tourism task force that will bring together stakeholders on this subject to identify strategies to diversify the state tourism base and develop the potential for health tourism

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History:

- Introduced in the Senate by Senator S. Komadina (1/26/06)
- Senate Rules Committee: passed (2/10/06)
- Senate Public Affairs Committee: passed (2/14/06)
- Passed Senate

New Mexico Legislature, 2007 Regular Session

Senate Bill18 Permit Certain Unlicensed Health Care Act

Sponsor: Steve Komidina

<http://legis.state.nm.us/lcs/session.aspx?Chamber=S&LegType=B&LegNo=18&year=07>

History:

- Introduced in the Senate by Senator S. Komadina (1/18/07)
- Senate Corporations and Transportation Committee: passed (1/30/07)
- Senate Judiciary Committee: passed (2/27/07)
- Died on the Senate agenda

Senate Memorial 48

Legal Protection of Health Care Therapies

Sponsor: Steve Komidina

A study to assess whether the public's right to access traditional, cultural, complementary and alternative health care therapies and remedies freely is adequately protected by law.

<http://legis.state.nm.us/lcs/session.aspx?Chamber=S&LegType=M&LegNo=48&year=07>

History:

- Introduced in the Senate by Senator S. Komadina (2/26/07)
- Senate Rules Committee: passed (3/07/07)
- Senate Public Affairs Committee: passed (3/10/07)
- Passed Senate

New Mexico Legislature, 2009 Regular Session

House Bill 664

UNLICENSED HEALTH CARE PRACTICE ACT

Sponsor: W. Ken Martinez

(Senate Sponsor Peter Wirth)

<http://legis.state.nm.us/lcs/session.aspx?Chamber=H&LegType=B&LegNo=664&year=09>

History:

- House sponsor gave preliminary draft to Legislative Council Service to write up (1/20/2009)
- Introduced in the House by Representative Ken Martinez (2/09/09)
- House Health and Government Affairs Committee: passed revised bill [6-2] (2/25/09)
- House Judiciary Committee: passed [11-1] (3/05/09)
- House Vote: passed [52-12] (3/07/09)
- Senate Public Affairs Committee: passed with amendments [5-1] (3/18/09)
- Senate Judiciary Committee: passed [7-0] (3/19/09)
- Senate Vote: passed [36-0] (3/21/09)
- House Concordance Vote: passed [unanimously] (3/21/09)
- Governor Richardson Signs April 7, 2009
- HB664 becomes law July 1, 2009