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49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2010

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC HEALTH; CREATING THE NEW MEXICO POISON AND
DRUG INFORMATION CENTER.

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

Section 1. CENTER CREATED.--The "New Mexico poison and
drug information center" is created as part of the university
of New Mexico health sciences center.

Section 2. DUTIES.--The New Mexico poison and drug
information center shall:

A. work to improve the health of New Mexicans by
reducing illness and death associated with poisoning and by
encouraging proper use of medications;

B. identify and address problems associated with
poisoning and medication-related illness through education and
public service;

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1 C. provide expert, twenty-four-hour assistance to
2 the residents of New Mexico during possible poisoning
3 emergencies;

4 D. work to reduce the costs associated with
5 poisoning by treating people with less severe exposures at
6 their homes with the center's guidance;

7 E. train health care professionals in the field of
8 clinical toxicology;

9 F. expand knowledge in the field of clinical
10 toxicology through an active research program;

11 G. prevent poisonings through toxicosurveillance,
12 education, regulation and collaboration with local, state and
13 federal agencies;

14 H. offer a drug information service that provides
15 individualized, accurate, relevant and unbiased information to
16 consumers and health care professionals regarding medication-
17 related inquiries;

18 I. help train pharmacists to be drug information
19 providers;

20 J. seek to effectively utilize the center's
21 resources; and

22 K. work to advance the center's institutional
23 mission while supporting professional and personal growth.