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AN ACT

RELATING TO CORRECTIONS; ENACTING THE HALFWAY HOUSE AND  
TRANSITIONAL RESIDENTIAL FACILITY ACT; REQUIRING THE  
CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT TO OPERATE OR CONTRACT WITH A THIRD  
PARTY TO OPERATE HALFWAY HOUSES OR TRANSITIONAL RESIDENTIAL  
FACILITIES.

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.--This act may be cited as the  
"Halfway House and Transitional Residential Facility Act".

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS.--As used in the Halfway House  
and Transitional Residential Facility Act:

A. "department" means the corrections department;

B. "halfway house" means a residential facility  
operated by or under contract with the department to provide  
housing and supervision to persons released on parole;

C. "release-eligible inmate" means an inmate who  
is eligible for parole or supervised release to the community  
but who is serving a parole term pursuant to Section 31-21-10  
NMSA 1978 within a correctional facility operated by the  
department;

D. "transitional residential facility" means a  
facility operated by or under contract with the department to  
provide housing, supervision and in-house programmatic  
support to persons released on parole or transferred from a  
correctional facility operated by the department; and

E. "validated risk and needs assessment" means an