

H 610 HEALTH DATA STANDARDS ACT

April 9, 1999

HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 104

I have this day VETOED and am returning HOUSE BILL 610, as amended, enacted by the Forty-Fourth Legislature, First Session, 1999.

This legislation would enact the Health Data and Exchange Standards Act which proposes to improve the efficiency of the New Mexico health-care system by imposing industry-wide data standards and standards for the exchange of that data.

This bill grants the New Mexico Health Policy Commission sweeping authority to regulate the content, format and other aspects of virtually all health care information exchanged between almost all health care entities throughout New Mexico. Private health care companies may be required to significantly change both their internal business procedures as well as their computer and claim processing systems. There would be few exceptions and little recourse from this potentially expensive mandate.

H 631 LOW VOLUME NONRESIDENT DISTRIBUTORS

April 8, 1999

HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 85

I have this day VETOED and am returning HOUSE BILL 631, enacted by the Forty-Fourth Legislature, First Session, 1999.

This legislation amends the Liquor Control Act to essentially increase the license fees for nonresident low volume liquor distributors in their first year of operation. The purpose of this bill, other than to raise slightly more revenue, would appear to be to discourage entry into this particular market. I am firmly opposed to unnecessary government involvement in the private economy.