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The following error was found in

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and has been corrected in enrolling and engrossing:

1. On page 1, line 15 of the original bill, "at" has been changed to "as" to correct a drafting error. The correction appears on page 1, line 6 of the enrolled and engrossed bill.

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AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PUBLIC PEACE, HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE;
ENACTING THE EMERGENCY GAS PILOT RELIGHTING ACT.

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.--This act may be cited as the
"Emergency Gas Pilot Relighting Act".

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS.--As used in the Emergency Gas
Pilot Relighting Act:

A. "gas pilot relighting technician" means an
individual who has successfully completed a program pursuant
to Section 3 of the Emergency Gas Pilot Relighting Act;

B. "natural gas" means any combustible vapor
composed chiefly of hydrocarbons occurring naturally; and

C. "program" means a program for training and
certifying persons to relight pilot lights for residential
equipment and appliances pursuant to Section 3 of the
Emergency Gas Pilot Relighting Act.

SECTION 3. CERTIFICATION PROGRAM.--The higher education
department and the regulation and licensing department shall
recommend to appropriate institutions of higher learning a
program for training and certifying individuals to relight
pilot lights for residential equipment and appliances. Upon
satisfactory completion of such a program, an individual shall
be certified as a gas pilot relighting technician and be

1 issued a certificate attesting to the person's completion of
2 the program, which certificate shall expire after five years.
3 The regulation and licensing department shall adopt rules
4 specifying the content of the training program, requirements
5 for successful completion of the program and the process for
6 certification of an individual as a gas pilot relighting
7 technician.

8 SECTION 4. DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY OR DISASTER--
9 EMPLOYMENT OF GAS PILOT RELIGHTING TECHNICIANS--
10 REIMBURSEMENT.--

11 A. Upon a declaration by the governor of an
12 emergency or disaster, a person certified as a journeyman
13 plumber or journeyman gas fitter pursuant to the Construction
14 Industries Licensing Act may employ no more than five gas
15 pilot relighting technicians during the period of the declared
16 emergency or disaster.

17 B. A gas pilot relighting technician employed by a
18 journeyman plumber or journeyman gas fitter pursuant to
19 Subsection A of this section shall be an employee of the
20 journeyman plumber or journeyman gas fitter and shall be
21 covered by liability insurance provided by the journeyman
22 plumber or journeyman gas fitter.

23 C. The duties of a gas pilot relighting technician
24 employed by a journeyman plumber or journeyman gas fitter
25 pursuant to Subsection A of this section shall be limited to

1 work directly related to the relighting of pilot lights for
2 residential equipment and appliances serving residences with
3 not more than four dwelling units.

4 D. If authorized in the declaration of emergency
5 or disaster issued by the governor and subject to funds being
6 made available pursuant to such a declaration, the secretary
7 of homeland security and emergency management may adopt rules
8 permitting state funds to be used to pay the cost of
9 journeyman plumbers, journeyman gas fitters or gas pilot
10 relighting technicians for services rendered during the
11 declared period of the emergency or disaster to restore
12 natural gas service to residences within the area covered by
13 the declaration of emergency or disaster. _____

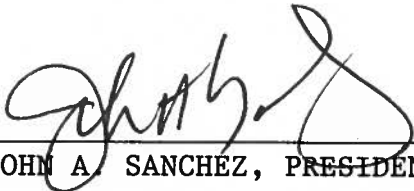
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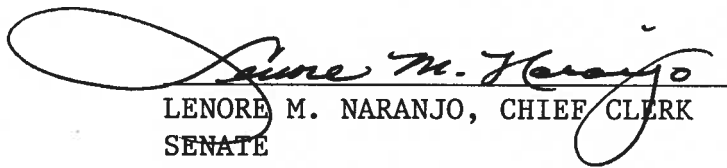
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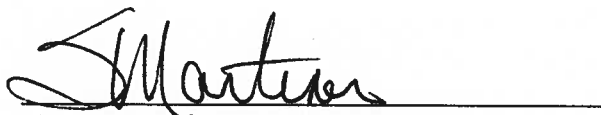


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