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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/08/09

SPONSOR Barela LAST UPDATED _____ HB 147

SHORT TITLE Air Medal License Plates SB _____

ANALYST Lucero

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY09	FY10		
	\$0.1	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to HB164 "Deceased Service Member License Plates"
 Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY09	FY10	FY11		
	\$0.25	\$0.25	Recurring	Motor Vehicle Suspense Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Revenue Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY09	FY10	FY11	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
Total		Minimal		Minimal	Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)

New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 147 provides that special registration plates may be issued to United States armed forces air medal recipients. An individual who falsely claims to be an air medal recipient is guilty of a petty misdemeanor.

There is a \$25 fee for the special registration plate, in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee. Ten dollars (\$10.00) of the \$25 fee shall be appropriated to the department to defray the cost of making and issuing special registration plates for air medal recipients; the remaining \$15.00 is to be deposited in the motor vehicle suspense fund.

The bill allows the secretary to approve the final logo design.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

House Bill 147 provides an appropriation of an unspecified amount resulting from a \$10 fee collected as result of the bill's provisions.

Continuing Appropriations language (if applicable)

This bill provides for continuing appropriations. The LFC has concerns with including continuing appropriation language in the statutory, as earmarking reduces the ability of the legislature to establish spending priorities.

For the purpose of this analysis, New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) has assumed that 20 Air Medal plates will be registered each year. This would result in a positive impact to the State Road Fund of \$226.95. Currently the State Road Fund receives 75.65% of Motor Vehicle Suspense Fund distributions.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

The courts are participating in performance-based budgeting. This bill may have an impact on the measures of the district courts in the following areas:

- Cases disposed of as a percent of cases filed;
- Percent change in case filings by case type.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

There will be a minimal administrative cost for statewide update, distribution and documentation of statutory changes. Any additional fiscal impact on the judiciary would be proportional to the enforcement of this law and commenced prosecutions. New laws, amendments to existing laws and new hearings have the potential to increase caseloads in the courts, thus requiring additional resources to handle the increase.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

Relates to HB164 "Deceased Service Member License Plates"