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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SPONSOR SCORC

SHORT TITLE No Medical License Fees for Veterans **SB** CS/CS/441/aSCORC

ANALYST Moser

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY09	FY10	FY11		
	(\$0) to (\$100.0)	(\$0) to (\$100.0)	Recurring	Other State Funds

(Parenthesis () Indicate Revenue Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
 New Mexico Medical Board

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Amendment

Senate Corporations and Transportation Committee amendment to Senate Corporations and Transportation Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 441 changes “shall impose the following fees” to “may impose the following fees.” This change corrects a technical issue which would have created a conflict within Senate Corporations and Transportation Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 441.

Synopsis of Original Bill

Senate Corporations and Transportation Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 441 creates a new section within the Medical Practice Act which states: “The board may, by rule, reduce or exempt application fees for veterans who have been honorably discharged from a branch of the United States armed forces and who are applying for an initial license to practice medicine in New Mexico.”

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Senate Corporations and Transportation Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 441 allows the Medical Board to consider exempting or reducing fees for veterans who have been honorably

discharged from a branch of the United States armed forces and who are applying for an initial license to practice medicine in New Mexico. The fiscal impact would range from none to minimal dependent upon board action.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Senate Corporations and Transportation Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 441 would allow the medical board sufficient flexibility in minimizing any financial impact to the board.

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