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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/17/15
 LAST UPDATED 2/27/15 HB 364/aHSCAC

SPONSOR Armstrong

SHORT TITLE Return of Interlock for License Reinstatement SB _____

ANALYST Malone

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY15	FY16		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to HB 30, HB 86, HB 120, HB 131, HB 355, HB 359 and SB 499.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Transportation (DOT), Traffic Safety Bureau

SUMMARY

Synopsis of HSCAC Amendment

The House Safety and Civil Affairs Committee amendment to House Bill 364 incorporates language to clarify that the interlock equipment is returned “in an undamaged condition” and that if it is not, or if the equipment is not returned at all, the person liable must pay the full repair or replacement cost before reinstatement of the person’s driver’s license.

The amendment also adds a new subsection to require the reinstallation of the ignition interlock device for, a period determined by the court, if the ignition interlock service center issuing the device determines that the device was tampered with.

Synopsis of Original Bill

House Bill 364 amends Section 66-5-33.1 NMSA 1978 to require proof from individuals that ignition interlock equipment has been returned to the approved ignition interlock service center for reinstatement of their driver’s license or registration.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None noted.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

In FY14 in New Mexico, 10,266 ignition interlock licenses were issued. The DOT Traffic Safety Bureau has oversight of ignition interlock providers. DOT has licensed 8 interlock device manufacturers, 59 interlock service centers, 115 interlock device installers, and 45 service technicians.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

Requiring proof that an individual has returned interlock equipment to the appropriate interlock service center may reduce the number of individuals who abscond with the device upon successful completion of their DWI revocation period or court-ordered interlock requirements.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

DOT states that they will work with the Motor Vehicle Division in order to draft a form to document that the equipment has been returned to the appropriate interlock service center. This can be accomplished using current staff and resources.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

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