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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT



SPONSOR: Duran DATE TYPED: 1/29/02 HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE: Marriage License Fees SB 172

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### REVENUE

Estimated Revenue		Subsequent Years Impact	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY02	FY03			
	NFI		Recurring	Children's Trust Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Revenue Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC files

#### Responses Received From

The Department of Health  
Office of the Attorney General

### SUMMARY

Senate Bill 172 amends Section 40-1-11 NMSA 1978 by deleting the mandate that a certificate from a physician regarding tests and examinations as required by regulation of the Health and Environmental Department (Department of Health) be included as part of a marriage license. This bill also increases the marriage license fee received by the respective County Clerk from twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) to forty dollars (\$40.00). The fifteen dollars amount from this fee that is remitted to the State Treasurer for deposit into the children's trust fund remains unchanged.

#### Significant Issues

In 1995 the Department of Health chose not to require any medical tests for marriage licenses. Currently no documents need to be submitted for a marriage license.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

This bill would increase county revenues by an indeterminate amount.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

None reported.

**POSSIBLE QUESTIONS**

1. What was the original reason for mandating a certificate from a physician regarding tests and examinations as part of a marriage license?
2. Is the public's health and safety threatened by not requiring this certificate?
3. Why was the portion that is to be deposited in the children's trust fund not increased?

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