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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR:	Rainaldi	DATE TYPED:	3/17/03	HB	
SHORT TITLE: Amendment to Boat Act		Act		SB	726/aSCONC
ANALYST:		YST:	Maloy		

## REVENUE

Revenue		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04		
	See Narrative			Recurring	School Fund

## **SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

Responses Received From

Motor Transportation Division

Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

## **SUMMARY**

# Synopsis of SCONC Amendment

The Senate Conservation Committee amended Senate Bill 726 to provide that a violation of the Boat Act, or a regulation promulgated pursuant to that Act, would constitute a petty misdemeanor, rather than a misdemeanor.

# Synopsis of Original Bill

Senate Bill 726 addresses "the Boat Act" within the Motor Vehicle Code in order to achieve consistency in the definitions of, and penalties for, crimes.

## Significant Issues

The current language of "the Boat Act" is outdated and is no longer consistent with the definition of crimes in the sections of New Mexico law that detail penalties for petty misdemeanors.

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# FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no new, direct fiscal implications for the state with the exception of noting that all revenues derived from fines for violations of the Boat Act, or regulations pursuant thereto, are paid to the current school fund of the state.

These revenues could potentially increase. Under current language in "the Boat Act", the maximum fine is \$500. However, with the proposed change, the maximum fine could be up to \$1,000.

# **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

None. Enforcement of "the Boat Act" is the responsibility of the Parks Division of the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department. No new or additional responsibilities are being added.

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