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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Jennings DATE TYPED 03/02/05 HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE Driver's Licenses for Medically Improved SB 994

ANALYST Ford

### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
			NFI		

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Department of Public Safety (DPS)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 994 allows a driver who has previously been found ineligible for a driver's license because of a mental disability or disease to receive a driver's license if a physician certifies that s/he is recovered to full health.

#### Significant Issues

Current law provides that a license shall not be issued to a person "who has previously been afflicted with or who is suffering from any mental disability or disease that would render him unable to drive a motor vehicle with safety upon the highways and who has not, at the time of application, been restored to health." This seems to provide that a person whose application for a license is denied could reapply when his/her health is restored and be issued a license. In addition, Section 66-5-6 NMSA 1978 establishes the health standards advisory board, and a process of review for persons who have been denied a license because of health reasons. The board is able to receive information from health care practitioners about the condition of the applicant.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

MVD will have to establish a process to review information from physicians regarding potential licensees.

**POSSIBLE QUESTIONS**

Does this duplicate and/or conflict with the existing process established for the health standards advisory board?

Does current law already provide a method for persons who have been restored to health to receive a license?

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