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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Cravens DATE TYPED 03/14/05 HB _____

SHORT TITLE Alcohol Purchase Electronic Age Verification SB SM 40

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APPROPRIATION

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

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

No responses received.

SUMMARY

Synopsis of SM 40

Senate Memorial 40 proposes to request that the director of the Alcohol and Gaming Division of the Regulation and Licensing Department create a task force to study, investigate, and recommend electronic technology that could verify age of persons purchasing alcohol in NM.

The memorial further proposes that representatives from the Public Health Division (DOH), NM sheriffs and police association, NM restaurant association, NM retailers association, NM hospitality association, grocers association, lodgers association, independent petroleum marketers association, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, DWI resource Center and other groups have membership on the proposed task force.

Finally, the memorial proposes that the director of alcohol and gaming and the governor's DWI coordinator report to the "appropriate" interim committee on the "status of the electronic age verification technology" and recommend legislation to facilitate the use in businesses that sell or serve alcohol.

Significant Issues

The proposed task force would be large, with at least ten members.

There is not a requested deadline for reporting the task forces findings.

The resolution asserts that:

One third of fatal motor vehicle collisions in NM are caused by drivers 15-20 and are alcohol related.

There are proportionally more young people under the age of 21 in NM that drink and drive than over the age of 21 that drink and

Nineteen percent of NM high school students drink compared with thirteen percent nationwide.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

All agencies involved may lose workforce time for the purposes of the proposed study.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No appropriation is proposed. Future legislation resulting from the task force could have fiscal implications.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Administrative time would be used towards the task force.

ALTERNATIVES

A time frame could be proposed for the task force to return with recommendations.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL?

A task force to determine electronic technology devices for age detection would likely not form and report.

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