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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE Info & Driver's License to Released Inmates SB _____

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ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY07	FY08	FY09	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
Total	NA	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Response Received From

New Mexico Corrections Department (NMCD)

No Response Received From

Taxation and Revenue Department (TRD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of HJC Amendment

The House Judiciary Committee Amendment to House Bill 1206 strikes all language pertaining to the providing of waiver of fees for New Mexico driver's licenses and personal identification cards for persons recently released from correctional facilities.

Synopsis of Original Bill

House Bill 1206 amends Chapter 33, Article 2 NMSA 1978 by adding a new section requiring the New Mexico Corrections Department to provide an inmate, upon the inmate's release from a state correctional facility, detailed instructions regarding how to obtain a federal social security card, personal identification card and New Mexico driver's license that includes reinstatement of a driver's license and fees that may apply. The proposed legislation adds language stating that upon proof satisfactory to the motor vehicle division, the motor vehicle division will waive fees for reinstatement of a driver's license, driver's license and personal identification pursuant to this section for an applicant who applies within 30 days of release from a correctional facility.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

NMCD reports the proposed legislation may require the department to hire additional staff to provide the additional services and information to discharged inmates.

The waiving of fees for reinstatement of a driver's license, driver's license and personal identification will have an indeterminable impact on the Motor Vehicle Suspense Fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Probation and Parole Division is working with the Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) on what documentation the Corrections Department can provide that the MVD will recognize to issue identification. Parolees do experience problems in obtaining employment and housing without identification. Sometimes a parolee upon release is given a Corrections Department identification issued by the correctional facility; however, this identification is not recognized by any governmental or private entities.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

NMCD's key quarterly performance measure for "average standard caseload per probation and parole officer" as of December 31, 2006 was 120. The target for this performance measure in fiscal year 2007 is 92.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

NMCD reports the department staff already has full caseloads and perform a large number of duties in regards to inmates. NMCD states the proposed legislation creates more work for staff.

AMENDMENTS

NMCD suggest the proposed legislation be amended to require the department to only provide relevant telephone numbers of the Motor Vehicle Division, Social Security Administration and other appropriate entities to all discharged inmates.

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