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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1-28-2008

SPONSOR Campos LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE Las Vegas Veterans Services SB 375

ANALYST Dearing

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	\$50.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Veterans' Services Department (VSD)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 375 appropriates \$50 thousand from the general fund for expenditure in FY09 to Veterans' Services department to contract for the provision of veterans' services in Las Vegas and the surrounding communities.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$50 thousand contained in Senate Bill 375 is a recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY09 shall revert to the General Fund.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Veterans' Services department has a Veteran Service Officer in Las Vegas that provides outreach services to Las Vegas and San Miguel counties.

The department's Field Services division includes 18 offices statewide. Veteran Service Officers are tasked with registering New Mexico veterans and dependents for state benefits and assisting with claims for federal VA compensation, pension, education, medical care and death benefits.

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According to the Federal Veterans Administration's 2005 estimates, there were 3146 veterans in San Miguel and Mora counties.

**PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

No performance implications reported by the agency. However, the appropriation that Senate Bill 375 provides would have the potential to positively impact several of the department's performance measures.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

No administrative implications reported by the agency. The department would be the fiscal agent for the appropriation provided in Senate Bill 375.

None noted by the department.

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