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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Cisneros **ORIGINAL DATE** 02/19/11
LAST UPDATED _____ **HB** _____
SHORT TITLE Auto Insurance/Insurer Stipulations **SB** 362
ANALYST Lucero

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY11	FY12	FY13	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
Total		NFI	NFI			

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Public Regulation Commission (PRC)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 362 amends Section 59A-17-7.1 NMSA of the Insurance Code to provide that an applicant's for motor vehicle liability insurance shall not be denied coverage by an insurance company based on a 'not at fault' accident.

The bill also provides that no insurer or insurance agent shall charge a fee in addition to the insurance premium for any kind of property or casualty insurance for personal, family or household needs, except in the case of a late payment charge.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no fiscal impacts to the state.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

According to the Public Regulation Commission (PRC):

There appears to be evidence that drivers who have been involved in not-at-fault accidents are somewhat more likely to have an at-fault accident in the future than those drivers who have not been involved in not-at-fault accidents.