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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Harper/Sariñana/Padilla LAST UPDATED _____
ORIGINAL DATE 2/15/2023
BILL _____
SHORT TITLE Motor Vehicle Sun Screen Materials NUMBER House Bill 286
ANALYST Hanika-Ortiz

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT* (dollars in thousands)

	FY23	FY24	FY25	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
	No fiscal impact	No fiscal impact	No fiscal impact			

Parentheses () indicate expenditure decreases.

*Amounts reflect most recent analysis of this legislation.

Sources of Information

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Public Safety (DPS)

New Mexico Attorney General (NMAG)

SUMMARY

House Bill 286 (HB286) amends the Motor Vehicle Code at Section 66-3-846 to require that sun screening material for use on a windshield allow at least 70 percent of light to pass through.

The effective date of this bill is July 1, 2023.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No fiscal impact.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to NMAG and DPS, the bill alters the restrictions for sun screening materials used on motor vehicle windshields to align with federal law. More specifically, the proposed legislation omits specific restrictions of sun screening material for motor vehicles and rather adopts the federal standard that the sun screening material, when used in conjunction with the windshield, shall be nonreflective, shall not be red, yellow, or amber in color, and shall have a light transmission of at least 70 percent. The remaining portions of Section 66-3-846 NMSA 1978 remain unchanged.

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