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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS
2024 REGULAR SESSION**

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

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Check all that apply:

Original **Amendment**
Correction **Substitute**

Date 1/19/2023

Bill No: HB 163

Sponsor: Representative Miguel P. Garcia and Representative Jenifer Marie Jones
Short Title: Expands Rural Health Care Practitioner Tax Credit

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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25	FY26		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY24	FY25	FY26	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total						

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
 Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

None that the Office of Superintendent of Insurance is aware of.

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: Reduces annual hours of practice necessary to qualify for this income tax credit. Adds pharmacists to the list of health care professionals qualifying for the \$5,000 credit and for the \$3,000 credit the following:

- registered nurses
- licensed clinical social workers
- licensed independent social workers
- professional mental health counselors
- professional clinical mental health counselors
- marriage and family therapists
- professional art therapists
- alcohol and drug abuse counselors
- physical therapists

Practitioners must provide at least 1,584 hours (down from 2,080) at a practice site located in an approved rural health care underserved area for full credit amount and at least 792 (down from 1,040) to qualify for a credit at half the full amount.

DOH determines which practitioners qualify and issues to those qualifying a numbered certificate. Requires certificate to include the practitioner’s tax ID number and the amount of tax credit allowed. Transfer of information from DOH to TRD on eligible practitioners to whom certificates are issued to be secure and at regular intervals agreed upon by the two agencies.

Requires the practitioner to report the credit amount to TRD.

Requires TRD to compile an annual report on the rural health care practitioner tax credit, including the number of taxpayers approved, the aggregate amount of credit approved and any other pertinent information, for presentation to RS&TPC and LFC.

Updates and expands the description of eligible health care practitioners and re-defines “rural” to be a rural county or an unincorporated part of a partially rural county as designated by the Health Resources and Services Administration of the US Department

of Health and Human Services.

Applies to the 2024 and subsequent taxable years.

This legislation could have some positive impact on provider retention in the State of New Mexico.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

None.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None.

ALTERNATIVES

None.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

None.

AMENDMENTS

None.

