

AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Date Prepared: 01/20/2026

Check all that apply:

Bill Number: HB60Original Correction Amendment Substitute

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Short Title: Revise Certain Criminal Offense Definitions

Agency Name**and Code**

770- NMCD

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Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY26	FY27	FY28	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:

Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: House Bill 60 amends New Mexico's Victims of Crime Act by expanding the definition of "criminal offense" to include crimes committed against peace officers, thereby extending to them the victim's rights and procedural protections afforded to other victims under the Act.

Amends Sec. 31-26-3 to revise the listed offenses that qualify as a "criminal offense" under the act:

- Aggravated assault upon a peace officer
- Assault with intent to commit a violent felony upon a peace officer
- Battery upon a peace officer
- Aggravated battery upon a peace officer

Under current law, the Victims of Crimes Act enumerates 13 victim's rights, including the right to notification, to attend public court proceedings, to make a statement to the court at sentencing, to promptly receive property held in evidence, and to be notified by the D.A. of the availability of and procedures to apply for reparation. A victim may also designate a victim's representative to act in the best interests of the victim.

House Bill 60 also changes the reference to Sec. 30-17-5, mentioning negligent arson, by correcting the Subsection referenced from "B" to "G."

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

If House Bill 60 is passed, peace officers would be granted victim rights under the Victims of Crime Act, including the right to attend parole board hearings and receive release notifications of inmate releases from the District Attorney's office. NMCD's Victim Services would assist peace officers throughout the parole board hearing process; the fiscal impact to the department is expected to be minimal.

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