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**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:** 1/28/26 **Bill Number:** HB195 **Original**  **Amendment**  **Substitute**

**Short Title:** COLLECTION OF MEDICAL MALPRACTICE JUDGEMENTS

**Sponsor:** Rep.Reena Szczepanski

**Name and Code Number:** HCA 630

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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT****APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		
\$0	\$0	NA	NA

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate expenditure decreases)

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		
\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	NA

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate revenue decreases)

**ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)**

	FY26	FY27	FY28	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected

<b>Total</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	-
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(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

**SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

**BILL SUMMARY**

HB195 bill does not limit a plaintiff’s ability to bring a medical malpractice claim or recover damages through available insurance coverage. Instead, this bill amends New Mexico law to protect independent medical providers from having medical malpractice judgments collected against their personal income or personal assets, so long as they are properly qualified under the Medical Malpractice Act or carry sufficient malpractice insurance to cover statutory liability limits. It would also authorize courts to reduce or eliminate damage awards if plaintiffs make frivolous or improper allegations—specified as claims irrelevant to the case, aimed primarily at coercing a settlement, or based on the provider’s personal finances. The bill defines “independent provider” as certain licensed healthcare professionals who are not hospital or outpatient facility employees and excludes providers covered by state or federal tort claims acts, and it applies only to malpractice claims filed on or after the law’s effective date.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

HB 195 has no anticipated fiscal impact on the Health Care Authority.

**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**

Status quo

**AMENDMENTS**

None