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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION

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AgencyAnalysis.nmlegis.gov and email to billanalysis@dfa.nm.gov*(Analysis must be uploaded as a PDF)***SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION***{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}*Date Prepared: 1/29/26

Check all that apply:

Bill Number: HB196Original Correction Amendment Substitute Sponsor: Andrea ReebAgency Name
and Code770- NMCDShort Title: Penalty for Receiving StolenPerson Writing A. Griego QuintanaTitle: FirearmPhone: 505-479-2296 Email Anisa.griego-quinta@cd.nm.gov**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT****APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

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 196 doubles the potential prison sentence for receiving a stolen gun.

Existing law makes it a fourth-degree felony to knowingly receive, retain or dispose of a stolen firearm valued at less than \$2,500, which upon conviction carries a basic sentence of 18 months in prison.

HB196 makes it a third-degree felony, which carries a sentence of three years in prison.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

HB196 increases sentence enhancements for offenses involving knowingly receiving, retaining, or disposing of a stolen firearm valued at less than \$2,500. Over time, these enhanced penalties are expected to result in longer periods of incarceration for affected individuals, which may increase the average length of stay and population within NMCD. Any fiscal impact is likely to be gradual and cumulative rather than immediate.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

None

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

The bill strengthens accountability for knowingly receiving or possessing stolen firearms by increasing sentence enhancements, which may deter the circulation of stolen guns commonly used in criminal activity. By reducing the availability of stolen firearms, the bill supports safer communities and lowers the risk of gun-related encounters that endanger law enforcement officers responding to crimes involving illegal weapons.

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