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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

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Date Prepared: 1/31/26 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: HB 241 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Rep. Tara L. Lujan **Agency Name and Code:** AOC
Short Title: Medical Malpractice Court Notices **Number:** 218
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		
None	None	Rec.	General

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		
Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Rec.	General

(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	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Rec.	General

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to: None.

Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act: None.

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: HB 241 amends statutory sections within the Medical Practice Act, Section 66-6-1 NMSA 1978 et. seq. as follows:

- **Section 61-6-15.1(C) NMSA 1978** (governing summary suspension or restriction of license): provides that a person whose license is suspended or restricted under this section is entitled to a hearing by the New Mexico Medical Board (hereinafter “board”) pursuant to the Uniform Licensing Act within 30 days, rather than 15, from the date the licensee requests a hearing.
- **Section 61-6-16 NMSA 1978** (governing reporting of malpractice claims, settlements and judgments, professional review actions and acceptance of surrendered license, immunity from civil damages and penalties): requires, when a malpractice claim is filed in a court of New Mexico, the court to notify the board of any licensees named as defendants in the lawsuit. Under the HB 241 amendment, the court is required to notify the board if a claim against a licensee is dismissed, or if a claim is amended to no longer include a licensee as a defendant. The HB 241 amendment also requires a malpractice claim that results in at least \$1 million in payments to be reviewed by the board. Subsection D requires the board to maintain a database of all notification reports made to the board pursuant to this section and specifies what the database is to display, including all payments made by or on behalf of a licensee as a direct result of the licensee’s care and any disciplinary actions taken against the licensee.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There will be a minimal administrative cost for statewide update, distribution and documentation of statutory changes. Any additional fiscal impact on the judiciary would be related to the court’s notification to the New Mexico Medical Board, which should be minor. New laws, amendments to existing laws and new hearings have the potential to increase caseloads in the courts, thus requiring additional resources to handle the increase.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

1) While the court is required to notify the board of any licensees named as defendants in a malpractice action, as well as if a claim against a licensee is dismissed or if a claim is amended to no longer include a licensee as a defendant, this requirement is reasonable and can be accommodated by the courts with minor implications.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

The courts are participating in performance-based budgeting. It is unlikely that this bill will have an impact on the measures of the district courts in the following areas:

- Cases disposed of as a percent of cases filed
- Percent change in case filings by case type.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

See “Fiscal Implications,” above.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

AMENDMENTS