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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: 1-30-2026

Check all that apply:

Bill Number: HB241Original Correction Amendment Substitute Sponsor: Lujan/Herdon/Szcepanski
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE
COURT NOTICESAgency Name
and CodeOffice of Superintendent of
Insurance -440

Number:

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Title:Email Stephen.Thies@osi.nPhone: 505-4707366 : m.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						

(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:

HB 241 amends the Uniform Licensing Act to require a district court to notify the medical board (the “board”) when a malpractice claim is filed against a licensee. The bill also requires the court 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.

HB 241 additionally requires that the board “review” any malpractice claim that results in over one million dollars in payments. The bill further requires that a public database be maintained on the board’s website that provides information on all active malpractice claims against licensees, payments made by or on behalf of a licensee as a result of that licensee’s care, and any disciplinary actions against the licensee.

The bill also amends the timeframe for the medical board to hold a hearing after summarily suspending or restricting one's license, from 15 days from the date of a request for hearing to 30.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

TECHNICAL ISSUES

Section 2 adds a new subdivision to NMSA 1978, § 61-1-16 obligating the board to review any malpractice claim that results in at least \$1M in payments. Most settlement agreements contain a confidentiality provision which prohibits the parties from disclosing the financial terms of the settlement. This practice could frustrate the effectiveness of the proposed subdivision.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

AMENDMENTS