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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION**

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**SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

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**Date Prepared:** 1/22/2026 *Check all that apply:*  
**Bill Number:** SB 57 Original  Correction   
 Amendment  Substitute

**Sponsor:** Senator Sedillo-Lopez **Agency Name and Code:** New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department; 420  
**Short Title:** Unlawful Concealing of the Identity of a Peace Officer **Number:** 420  
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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		
0	0	n/a	n/a

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		
0	0	0	n/a	n/a

(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	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: SB 57 creates the crime of unlawful concealing of the identity of a peace officer and aggravated unlawful concealing of the identity of a peace officer. It also amends the current definition of peace officer to include a federal, state or local officer. SB 57 restricts the authorization of an individual who enforces the terms of one's bail bond from immigration enforcement as defined by statute.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The New Mexico Regulations and Licensing Department anticipate no significant fiscal or operation impact if SB 57 is enacted.

### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

Pursuant to Section 30-22-3 NMSA 1978, concealing identity is a specific intent crime where an individual conceals "one's true name or identity, or disguising oneself *with intent to obstruct the due execution of the law or with intent to intimidate, hinder or interrupt any public officer or any other person in the legal performance of his duty or the exercise of his rights under the law of the United States.*" Whereas unlawful concealing identity of a peace officer as stated in SB 57 is a general intent crime that would prohibit peace officers (specifically law enforcement officers who serve in the narcotics, Vice units, or gang units from concealing their faces – which is often done in the interest of officer safety or in furtherance of undercover work).

Aggravated unlawful concealing of the identity of a peace officer in SB 57 is a specific intent crime, that would include the specific intent to "interfere with the creation of a public record." By the nature of their work, peace officers (particularly law enforcement officers) create a public record when they begin their shift (log onto dispatch) and/or create a call for service. The great majority of peace officers in New Mexico are already required by law to comply with Section 29-1-18 NMSA 1978, which requires law enforcement officers to wear and activate body-worn cameras during on-duty interactions with the public, which are "public records" as defined by the Inspection of Public Records Act.

The definition of "peace officer" in SB 57 is different than "peace officer" as defined in Section 29-14-3 NMSA 1978 which, "means any employee of a police or sheriff's department that is part of or administered by the state or any political subdivision of the state who is responsible for the prevention and detection of crime and the enforcement of the penal, traffic or highway laws of the state." There should be some consistency within various statutes of the definition of peace officer so that the intent of the statute is carried out.

### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

### **CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

### **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

**ALTERNATIVES**

**WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

**AMENDMENTS**