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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: JG, Taylor DATE TYPED: 2/18/03 HB 423

SHORT TITLE: Crime of Failure to Pay for Fuel SB _____

ANALYST: Chavez

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04		
NFI	NFI		See Narrative	Non-Recurring	General Fund
			Indeterminate	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)
 Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court (BCMC)
 Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)
 LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 423 amends Section 66-5-30 NMSA 1978 and proposes a new section of Chapter 66, Article 5 NMSA 1978 creating a new law that makes it a misdemeanor for a person who dispenses fuel into the tank of a motor vehicle and fails to pay for fuel dispensed. Under the bill, in addition to criminal penalties a first conviction results in suspension of their license or permit to drive for a period not to exceed six months. Any subsequent conviction(s) allows for suspension of their license or permit to drive for a period not to exceed one year.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

This bill contains no appropriation. However, 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 proportional to the enforcement of this law and commenced prosecutions. The Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court (BCMC) believes increased caseload

merits corresponding appropriations to add sufficient judges and staff to cope with greater caseload demands.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

BCMC indicates that as with any new misdemeanor offense placed within the court's jurisdiction, this bill would add to a currently demanding caseload.

The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) states that 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.

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