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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Maestas ORIGINAL DATE 02/17/11
LAST UPDATED _____ HB 463
SHORT TITLE No License Suspensions for Failure to Appear SB _____
ANALYST Lucero

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY11	FY12	FY13	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
Total		NFI	NFI			

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Taxation and Revenue Department (TRD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 463 amends Sections 66-5-25, 66-5-26, 66-5-30, and 66-5-32 NMSA 1978 of the Motor Vehicle Code regarding the suspension of driver's licenses to allow the Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) to suspend the driver's license of a resident of New Mexico upon receiving notice of failure to pay a penalty assessment imposed by a tribe or by another state.

The bill also clarifies that the suspension period for failure to appear or remit the penalty assessment *for nonresidents of New Mexico* can be extended indefinitely at the discretion of the MVD director.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No significant revenue impact.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

This bill clarifies that in addition to nonresidents, residents of the state may also have their license suspended for failure to pay a penalty assessment imposed by a tribe or by another state. The bill clarifies that the same suspension authority applies to residents of New Mexico who fail to pay a penalty assessment by a tribe or imposed in another state. This might apply to drivers who are licensed in another state, as well as in New Mexico.

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