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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Griego, P. **ORIGINAL DATE** 02/13/11 **LAST UPDATED** _____ **HB** _____
SHORT TITLE Insurance For Electronic Devices **SB** 393
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	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Public Regulation Commission (PRC)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 393 amends Section 59A-12-18 NMSA 1978 of the Insurance Code to modernize the Limited License agent statute to replace the references to, and provide a new definition for “communication equipment” with “portable electronics devices.” By so doing, the new definition expands the scope of products that are covered.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No fiscal impact. The bill is only modernizing an existing definition.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

If enacted, New Mexico will join other states that are modernizing their regulatory structures to accommodate the sale of portable electronics insurance, including California, New York, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, and Washington State.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

Under current law, the Superintendent of Insurance is authorized to issue a limited agent’s license to retail vendors of “communication equipment.” The bill would change the statute to include a more modern term “portable electronics.”

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