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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 01/30/12

SPONSOR Campos LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE Las Vegas Veterans' Driver and Maintenance SB 185

ANALYST Chabot

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY12	FY13		
	50.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

Veterans' Services Department (VSD)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 185 appropriates \$50.0 thousand from the general fund to DFA for the purpose of providing veterans' van services in San Miguel County. The appropriation is for two specific expenditures: \$30.0 thousand for a driver and \$20.0 thousand for necessary maintenance and operation expenses.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$50.0 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2013 shall revert to the general fund.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

VSD states the veteran service officer position in Las Vegas is currently vacant but they will try to fill it pending funding. San Miguel County bought a van with capital outlay funding and hired a driver to take veterans to the VA Medical Center in Albuquerque. However, in 2010, the county ended the practice because of budget constraints. The van is currently not being used. VSD has a Privately Owned Vehicle Transportation Service for veterans to attend medical

appointments that may meet needs of veterans in San Miguel County.

According to DFA, San Miguel County is no longer funding the veterans' van service due to declining revenues in the county's general fund. Because no FTEs are authorized with this appropriation, the van driver will be considered an employee of San Miguel County. This will require the county to submit the necessary payroll documentation to DFA Local Government Division with its reimbursement request.

**ALTERNATIVES**

DFA suggests, change the appropriation to the VSD vice DFA.

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