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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/23/2019
SPONSOR Ruiloba **LAST UPDATED** _____ **HB** 166

SHORT TITLE Repeal Fingerprint Requirements for TRD **SB** _____

ANALYST Chabot

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

| | FY19 | FY20 | FY21 | 3 Year Total Cost | Recurring or Nonrecurring | Fund Affected |
|--------------|------|--------|------|----------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| Total | | \$47.0 | | \$47.0 | Nonrecurring | General Fund |

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Taxation and Revenue Department (TRD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 166 repeals Section 66-5-15.2 NMSA requiring TRD to take a full-face photograph and fingerprints from applicants of a driving authorization card (DAC) or an identification card not intended to be accepted by federal agencies for official federal purposes.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

TRD estimates 8-9 weeks to complete, test and implement changes to the DAC and identification card processing system at an estimated cost of \$47 thousand.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The requirement for TRD to take a full-face, front-view photograph and the fingerprints of individuals applying for a DAC or identification card resulted from a Senate Finance Committee amendment to HB 99 during the 2016 Legislative Session. The bill was attempting to comply with Federal Real ID requirements by creating two separate licensures—one federal Real ID compliant and one for use in New Mexico that did not meet the federal requirements. The amendment required TRD to furnish fingerprints to DPS to be used for a criminal background check. The state was authorized to submit the fingerprints to the FBI for the background check but not to any other federal agency. TRD had to resolve any issues related to criminal arrest or

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false information before issuing a driving or identification credential. The bill was subject to intensive debate during the course of the 30-day session. The bill was enacted and chaptered in Laws 2016, Chapter 79.

TRD's input to this bill concerns only the mechanics of eliminating the fingerprint requirement and associated costs but provides no assessment on the need to continue the fingerprint requirement.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

1. Is there a need to continue the fingerprint requirement?
2. Why would it take 8-9 weeks to stop the practice of taking fingerprints if the bill is enacted?

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