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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 01/18/13

SPONSOR Martinez, R. LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE No Conviction for Certain Motor Offenses SB 35

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### ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY13	FY14	FY15	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)

Attorney General's Office (AGO)

Taxation and Revenue Department (TRD)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 35 provides that a person cited for no vehicle registration, insurance, or driver's license shall not be convicted under section 66-3-1 NMSA 1978 if the person produces evidence of compliance in court.

The bill adds similar provisions to Section 66-3-13, Evidence of Registration to be Signed and Exhibited on Demand, to Section 66-5-2, Drivers Must Be Licensed, and to Section 66-5-205, that anyone cited under these section shall not be convicted if they produce to the court evidence that they had the required registration, licensure, or insurance in force at the time of the violation.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Small administrative costs will result

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Making the violation of Section 66-3-1 a traffic misdemeanor will reduce confusion between law enforcement. Adding provisions that persons charged with failure to have valid registration,

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licensure, or insurance shall not be convicted if they can produce proof in court will expedite a speedy just resolution of these cases for defendants, law enforcement officers who prosecute these cases, and for the courts.

The proposed changes promote efficiency and hence contribute cost reduction while maintaining fairness and the protection of the public.

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