

LFC Requester:

Scott Sanchez

AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION

SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Date Prepared: 2/23/2025

Check all that apply:

Bill Number: HB 8 Amendment

Original Correction
Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Rep. Christine Chandler

Agency Name and Code Number: 305 – New Mexico Department of Justice

Person Writing Analysis: Felicity Strachan/Aletheia Allen (Amendment)

Short Title: FLOOR AMENDMENT FOR HB 8

Phone: 505-537-7676

Email: legisfir@nmag.gov

SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total						

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
 Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

This analysis is neither a formal Opinion nor an Advisory Letter issued by the New Mexico Department of Justice. This is a staff analysis in response to a committee or legislator’s request. The analysis does not represent any official policy or legal position of the NM Department of Justice.

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: The 2/21/2025 Floor Amendments make minor changes to HB 8.

Section 3: The Senate Judiciary Committee suggested changing the time the department of health (DOH) has to admit a defendant for competency restoration from thirty days after the receipt of the court’s order of commitment to seven days after the receipt of the commitment order. **The Floor Amendment** would change the revision such that the bill would now change the time the DOH has to admit a defendant for competency restoration from thirty days after the receipt of the court’s order of commitment to fourteen days after the receipt of the commitment order.

Section 10: The Senate Judiciary Committee suggested striking the phrase “shoots more than one shot” and replacing it with “fire each cartridge or shell” when defining a “fully automatic weapon[.]” **The Floor Amendment** would change the revision such that the bill would now strike the phrase “shoot more than one shot” and replace it with “fire more than one cartridge or shell.”

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Note: major assumptions underlying fiscal impact should be documented.

Note: if additional operating budget impact is estimated, assumptions and calculations should be reported in this section.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

None noted. The suggested amendments are minor and seem sensible.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

N/A

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

N/A

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

HB 8 amended is a revision of HB 4 and HB 4 amended.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

N/A

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

N/A

ALTERNATIVES

N/A

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status quo.

AMENDMENTS

N/A