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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION**

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[AgencyAnalysis.nmlegis.gov](https://www.legis.nm.gov/AgencyAnalysis) and email to [billanalysis@dfa.nm.gov](mailto:billanalysis@dfa.nm.gov)*(Analysis must be uploaded as a PDF)***SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION***{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}*Date Prepared: 01/16/25

Check all that apply:

Bill Number: HB 79Original  Correction Amendment  Substitute 

Sponsor: Elizabeth "Liz" Thomson Agency Name and Code Number: Department of Veterans' Services / 67000

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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT****APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
N/A	N/A		

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate expenditure decreases)

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		
N/A	N/A	N/A		

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate revenue decreases)

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

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:

Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

**SECTION III: NARRATIVE** Compact to facilitate interstate practice of audiology and speech-language pathology with the goal of improving public access to audiology and speech-language pathology services.

## **BILL SUMMARY**

Synopsis:

The compact preserves the regulatory authority of states to protect public health and safety through the current system of state licensure.

## **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

No fiscal implications for NMDVS.

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**

Compact licensure for military members and their spouses offers significant benefits to New Mexico by improving the retention of veterans in the state. It allows service members and their families to transfer their professional licenses across state lines without additional hurdles, fostering a smoother transition to civilian life and ensuring they quickly integrate into the workforce. Data from other states, such as those participating in the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) and the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (IMLC), show that compact licensure reduces barriers to employment, leading to higher job retention rates for veterans. This policy not only supports military families but also strengthens the state's economy by retaining highly skilled professionals.

This bill would positively impact Veterans throughout New Mexico by providing means to have more licensed professionals to provide specialized services to our Veterans and their families.

**PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS N/A**

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS N/A**

**CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP N/A**

**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**