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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION**

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**SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

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

**Date Prepared:** 2/08/2025 *Check all that apply:*  
**Bill Number:** HB 280 Original  Correction   
 Amendment  Substitute

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**Short Title:** Additional violent felonies **Number:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**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
<b>Total</b>						

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

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

### **SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

#### **BILL SUMMARY**

##### Synopsis:

House Bill 280 proposes to amend Section 31-18-23 NMSA 1978 regarding life imprisonment for offenders convicted of a third violent felony. Currently, five types of crimes are classified as violent felonies for purposes of this law, and conviction for a third violent felony requires life imprisonment. HB 280 proposes to add an additional 12 types of crimes and expand the scope of two of the existing crime types. The bill further removes the possibility of parole upon a third conviction for any of these offenses, except for medical or geriatric parole. Currently, individuals who are convicted of a third violent felony under this statute are eligible for parole. House Bill 208 also provides for violent felony convictions incurred under the age of 18 to be considered for the purposes of the “three strikes” if in those convictions the youth was sentenced as an adult in New Mexico or in another state for a comparable violent felony. Currently, a violent felony conviction incurred before a defendant reaches 18 does not count as a violent felony conviction under Section 31-18-23 NMSA 1978.

#### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

Increase in resource for district attorney office’s, law office of the public defenders, and the judiciary.

#### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

Violent crimes and the list of violent crime is usually associated with an individual doing a violent act the addition of vehicle homicide and injury to pregnant women do not fit within that category.

#### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

#### **CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

#### **ALTERNATIVES**

#### **WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

#### **AMENDMENTS**