

LFC Requester:

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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: 2/24/25

Check all that apply:

Bill Number: HB480

Original Correction

Amendment Substitute

Agency Name

and Code HCA 630

Number:

Sponsor: Rep. Gail Armstrong

Short Suicide Prevention License

Title: Plate

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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
\$0	\$0	NA	NA

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		
\$0	Indeterminate	Indeterminate	Recurring	HCA BHSD GF

(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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	NA	NA

(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 480 (HB480) is an act that issues a standardized special registration plate with a logo designed to express support suicide prevention.

The owner would pay an initial \$35 dollar fee and a \$30-dollar annual renewal fee. Revenue from the fees imposed by shall be distributed as follows: (1) \$12 dollars of the initial fee collected for each registration plate shall be retained by the issuing department (2) the remaining portion of the initial fee and the entire renewal fee collected for each registration plate shall be distributed and appropriated to the Health Care Authority Behavioral Health Services Division (HCA/BHSD) to support suicide prevention efforts.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no fiscal impact on HC /BHSD's existing budget. The bill provides a new minimal, revenue stream dedicated to suicide prevention efforts.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The NM suicide death rate decreased by 9% in 2023 compared to prior year. Additionally, the number of NM American Indian/Alaska Native residents who died by suicide decreased 43% compared to the prior year.

<https://www.nmhealth.org/news/awareness/2025/1/?view=2170>

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

HCA BHSD could utilize revenue collected to target specific suicide prevention efforts. These funds could be used for targeted suicide prevention programs, awareness campaigns, and crisis intervention services.

No IT impact.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The success of this initiative will depend on public awareness and participation in purchasing the special registration plates.

ALTERNATIVES

None

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status Quo

AMENDMENTS

None