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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Feldman DATE TYPED: 02/15/01 HB _____
 SHORT TITLE: Amend Medical Practice Act SB 350
 ANALYST: Carrillo

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY01	FY02	FY01	FY02		
		NFI			

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Board of Medical Examiners
 Health Policy Commission

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 350 amends provisions of the Medical Practice Act regarding licensure by endorsement. The bill contains an emergency clause.

Significant Issues

According to the Board of Medical Examiners staff, the Board rules regulate the number of allowable attempts to take the required exams and the time allowed to pass the exams from the first attempt. These requirements help the Board to assure that applicants licensed in New Mexico have an adequate knowledge base to practice safely. There are special candidates who have taken longer than seven years to pass the required exams. SB 350 will allow the Board to consider applicants who hold a license in another state, have no reportable disciplinary actions, and have special skills and experience that are needed in New Mexico.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None identified at this time.

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