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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Kidd DATE TYPED: 03/03/01 HB \_\_\_\_\_  
 SHORT TITLE: Provisional Licensure for Certain Therapists SB 640  
 ANALYST: Valdes

### REVENUE

Estimated Revenue		Subsequent Years Impact	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY01	FY02			
	See Fiscal Implications Section			

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Revenue Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 640 amends the Counseling and Therapy Practice Act to allow an applicant to obtain a provisional license to engage in counseling and therapy practice in the state if the applicant has a current valid license or other regulatory document to practice in another state.

#### Significant Issues

The provisional license is valid for a period up to three years during the time the applicant is completing additional requirements for education, experience or supervision and examination that are required by the Counseling and Therapy Practice Act.

The Counseling and Therapy Practice Board is required to issue a provisional license within five working days after the application is received once the Board determines that licensure from another state is valid and the applicant has submitted payment for the license fee. The applicant must also provide the Board with a personal development plan for licensure.

This bill would allow new residents of the state to establish a practice without the long waiting period that is necessary under present law. This would eliminate a barrier for those qualified professionals from another state wishing to have gainful employment in New Mexico.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

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No fiscal impact on the Board's budget. Minimal additional revenue will be collected on provisional license fees.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

There would be minimal impact issuing provisional licenses to newly established residents wishing to obtain licensing in the profession.

### **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

The amount of the provisional license fee was not stated in the bill unless the intent is to charge the same amount as the permanent license in each of the specialized therapy and counseling areas.

### **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

The bill would be effective upon signature of the Governor due to the emergency clause.

MV/ar