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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Ingle DATE TYPED: 02/28/01 HB _____
 SHORT TITLE: Expand Pharmacists' Prescriptive Authority SB 353/aSPAC
 ANALYST: Valdes

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 Nursing
 Board of Pharmacy

SUMMARY

Synopsis of SPAC Amendment

The amendment made the following changes to the bill:

- c Changed the definition of “practice of pharmacy” to allow the administering or prescribing of dangerous drug therapy. Removed the authority to “modify” dangerous drug therapy.
- c A pharmacist may prescribe dangerous drug therapy, including vaccines and immunizations, under rules “and protocols” adopted by the board after “approval by” the New Mexico Board of Medical Examiners and the Board of Nursing.

Synopsis of Original Bill

Senate Bill 353 would allow pharmacists to prescribe a limited class of drugs based on rules adopted by the Board of Pharmacy, in conjunction with the Board of Medical Examiners and the Board of Nursing. The bill would allow pharmacists to administer, prescribe or modify “dangerous drug” therapy, including vaccines and immunizations. The bill would require the reporting of adverse drug *events* to the Board of Pharmacy as opposed to the currently required reporting of adverse drug *reactions*. The bill would also provide for licensure of:

- Drug warehouses
- Drug research facilities
- Returned drugs processors

The bill repeals the annual renewal requirement and allows the Board of Pharmacy to adopt an alternate renewal period.

Significant Issues

The amendment removes pharmacists' authority to modify dangerous drug therapy. It requires them to follow rules "and protocols" adopted by the Board of Pharmacy after "approval" rather than just calculation with the New Mexico Board of Medical Examiners and the Board of Nursing.

The bill adds pharmacists to the list of "practitioners" which currently includes physicians, doctors of oriental medicine, dentists, veterinarians, certified nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, certified nurse-midwives or other persons licensed or certified to prescribe and administer drugs that are subject to the New Mexico Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The Board of Pharmacy would be required to receive approval from the Board of Nursing and the Board of Medical Examiners to adopt rules and protocols to implement the provisions of this bill.

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