

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

EMNRD can absorb any costs that would be incurred to implement the provisions of this bill. However, federal funding for the recreational boating safety program is potentially at risk if New Mexico does not strengthen its laws. Most testing will be breath testing rather than blood testing so it should not significantly increase the Department of Health Scientific Laboratory Division's workload since it processes blood tests.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The long-term effect of this legislation should be a reduction in boating accidents resulting in less time spent on investigations and reporting. This should also reduce time that is spent in trials where the State is not obtaining convictions because of the difficulty in proving intoxication because of the lack of a defined BAC. There is no change in FTE requirements as a result of SB 54.

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