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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Heaton DATE TYPED 2/2/04 HB 0208

SHORT TITLE Certain Organ Donation Info to Families SB \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST Dunbar

### APPROPRIATION

| Appropriation Contained |      | Estimated Additional Impact |      | Recurring or Non-Rec | Fund Affected |
|-------------------------|------|-----------------------------|------|----------------------|---------------|
| FY04                    | FY05 | FY04                        | FY05 |                      |               |
|                         | NFI  |                             |      |                      |               |
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(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From  
Health Policy Commission (HPC)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

HB 208 amends NMSA 1978, 24-6A-9.1, New Mexico Uniform Anatomical Gift Act relating to organ donation. The bill adds language that requires respectful posting of information related to organ donation in hospitals.

#### Significant Issues

HB 208 requires that hospitals implement written protocols to ensure that families of potential donors are provided with: 1) respectful and sensitive posted notices that inform families of the options to donate organs, tissues or eyes or to decline to do so; 2) written information regarding options.

## OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The following information was provided by HPC:

- ◆ According to New Mexico Donor Services, a single donor can benefit up to 100 other persons.
- ◆ Nationally, nine people die every day waiting for organs to be donated.
- ◆ Approximately 58,000 people are waiting for organ donations in the US.
- ◆ Some families may not be aware of New Mexico organ donor programs and the need for organs, tissues or eyes.
- ◆ Families may be misinformed about organ donor programs and during the stressful time following the death of a family member, organ donation may be one of the last things being considered.
- ◆ Families of some potential organ donors such as accident victims may be willing to donate organs but they are never asked or informed about the opportunity. Access to information at the hospital may motivate the organ donation process.
- ◆ The number of organ donations may increase by both, educating families at the hospital and by making the process to donate organs easier.

Neighboring states (California, Arizona, Texas and Colorado) have, according to HPC, organ donor websites that allow the downloading of forms for organ donation. According to the website, *shareyourlife.org*, New Mexico does not have this service.

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