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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR HBIC DATE TYPED 02-18-04 HB 314/HBICS

SHORT TITLE Compulsive Gambler Plan Submission & Approval SB _____

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APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY04	FY05	FY04	FY05		
			Minimal	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to SB 251

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Attorney General (AG)

Gaming Control Board (GCB)

Department of Health (DOH)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 314 amends Section 60-2E-26 NMSA 1978, of the Gaming Control Act to require an applicant for a gaming operator license to submit a compulsive gambler plan to the Gaming Control Board (GCB). The bill makes the compulsive gambler plan a public record. GCB is required to enter into an agreement with the Department of Health (DOH) to provide for review and approval of all compulsive gambler plans. A gaming operator license cannot be approved or renewed unless the compulsive gambler plan is approved by DOH. DOH will have 30 days to approve or reject plans.

Significant Issues

DOH is concerned the bill gives the agency functions of plan review and approval, but does not provide for monitoring plan implementation. The agency is also concerned the new responsibilities will lead to increased costs and additional staff, yet the legislation does not contain an appropriation.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

DOH reports additional staff may be required to review plans and the agency will have to provide comprehensive training for this purpose.

RELATIONSHIP

Senate Bill 251 creates a compulsive gambler treatment fund to be administered by the Department of Health.

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