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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Ezzell DATE TYPED 3/08/05 HB 908

SHORT TITLE Concealed Handgun License Reciprocity SB _____

ANALYST Ford

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
			Minimal – See Narrative		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to HB 377
Conflicts with HB 641

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)
Administrative Office of the District Attorneys (AODA)
Attorney General (AGO)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 908 allows the secretary of public safety to enter into reciprocity agreements with other states to recognize a concealed handgun license of that state. To enter into such an agreement, the Department of Public Safety must make a determination that the other state's licensing process contains a background check requirement that is at least as thorough as New Mexico's. The other state's concealed handgun license would be recognized in New Mexico if New Mexico's license is also recognized in that state. If New Mexico enters into a reciprocity agreement with another state under this section, a holder of such license shall have the same privileges and obligations as a licensee pursuant to New Mexico's Concealed Handgun Carry Act.

Significant Issues

The AGO notes that current law directs the Department of Public Safety to promulgate rules regarding the authority for the transfer of a concealed handgun license issued by another state.

The AOC notes that the bill requires the other state to have a similar background check requirement to New Mexico's but does not require the other state to have a mandatory firearms training course as New Mexico does.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The bill will result in minimal costs to the Department of Public Safety to establish a process for entering into reciprocal agreements.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

House Bill 908 conflicts with House Bill 641, which makes a number of changes to the law regarding concealed handguns and includes a provision regarding reciprocal agreements. House Bill 908 relates to House Bill 377, which allows judges to carry concealed handguns in court-houses.

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