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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Zanetti DATE TYPED 02/17/2005 HB 960

SHORT TITLE Restrict Ultrasound Administration SB _____

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APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
NFI	NFI				

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates SB 888

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
NM Board of Nursing

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

HB 960 amends the Public Health Act restricting the administration of ultrasonography or ultrasound to that performed pursuant to an order or referral from a licensed physician, nurse practitioner, certified nurse midwife or physician assistant and mandates fines to include possible imprisonment.

Significant Issues

Ultrasonography or ultrasound is a diagnostic tool used in a variety of health care settings and situations. Nurse Practitioners use this diagnostic tool and subsequently treat their patients. A Nurse Practitioner must write an order for the patient to receive this type of care. Based on the results of the ultrasound, a diagnosis is made for the patient with subsequent appropriate care being provided.

Inappropriate use of this diagnostic tool could result in individuals receiving false diagnostic information. This could result in delayed care for the individual and the potential for a bad health care outcome.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

This bill duplicates SB 888

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