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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR King DATE TYPED 03/10/05 HB HM58

SHORT TITLE Study Regulation of Certain Dentists SB \_\_\_\_\_

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### REVENUE

Estimated Revenue		Subsequent Years Impact	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06			
	NFI	Minimal	Recurring	Board of Dental Health Care

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Memorial 58 proposes that the New Mexico Board of Dental Health Care be requested to adopt and promulgate rules to regulate the practice of dentists who diagnose, treat and correct temporomandibular joint syndrome.

#### Significant Issues

The memorial asserts that:

The Board of Dental Health Car does not require special credentials for a dentist who performs invasive surgery to correct temporomandibular joint syndrome.

An estimated 10 million people in the United States have temporomandibular syndrome

Treatment for temporomandibular joint syndrome ranges from the use of warm water to invasive surgery to replace the joint.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no appropriation suggested in the memorial and there is likely not a substantial fiscal impact related to this bill.

### ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Additional board rules would result in additional administrative and board tasks involved in promulgation and regulation.

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

If some dentists do not use invasive practices (warm compresses, etc. as mentioned in the memorial), rules regulating dentists whose practices include treatment of patients with temporomandibular joint syndrome should be sensitive to the level of treatment provided.

**WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL?**

It is possible that rules regarding dentists who treat Temporomandibular Joint Syndrome would not be adopted by the Board of Dental Health Care.

**POSSIBLE QUESTIONS**

1. Does the Board of Dental Health Care have rules regarding other specific syndrome treatments?

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