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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/24/2007

SPONSOR HTPWC LAST UPDATED _____ HB 176/HTPWCS

SHORT TITLE Require Mud Guard Flaps on Some Vehicles SB _____

ANALYST Schuss

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08	FY09		
	\$0.1*	\$0.1*	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Revenue Decreases) * Minimal Impact

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

The House Transportation and Public Works Committee Substitute for HB 176 requires certain motor vehicles to be equipped with mudguard flaps and creates a penalty. HB 176 also amends Section 66-1-4.14 NMSA 1978 to include definitions for “pickup truck” and “sport utility vehicle”.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There will be a minimal but positive revenue impact to the general fund due to the penalty assessment created.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

HB 176 substitute adds a new section to the Motor Vehicle Code stating that on or after July 1, 2007 every new truck, pickup truck or sport utility vehicle sold or purchased in New Mexico for operation on its streets and highways that has rear tires larger than a tire with a service type “LT”, a section width of two hundred sixty-five millimeters, a sidewall aspect ratio of seventy percent of the section width and a wheel diameter rating of sixteen inches, or tires designed for off-road use or use other than customary use on streets and highways, shall be equipped by the seller with mudguard flaps protecting the rear tires from ejecting material to the rear of the truck,

pickup truck or sport utility vehicle.

HB 176 substitute also requires owners to equip these types of vehicles with mudguard flaps by July 1, 2012.

The mudguard flaps shall be wide enough to cover the full tread width of the tires, installed as far to the rear of the motor vehicle as practicable and constructed of a rigid material that is of a sufficiently rigid character to provide adequate protection.

BS/mt