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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/14/2007

SPONSOR McCoy LAST UPDATED _____ HB 1052

SHORT TITLE Change Licensing Dates for Driver Education Schools SB _____

ANALYST Moser

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

NM Department of Transportation (NMDOT)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 1052 allows the Department of Transportation Traffic Safety Bureau to have different expiration dates for annual licenses.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Currently by statute, the DOT Traffic Safety Bureau licenses all Driver Education, Driving Safety, and DWI Education Schools. The DOT Traffic Safety Bureau also licenses all Ignition Interlock providers. This amounts to approximately 170 licenses per year. In addition, the DOT Traffic Safety Bureau also licenses over 500 individuals annually to operate, teach, and provide services for these programs.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

NMDOT indicates that all licenses begin on July 1st of each year and expire on June 30th of each year. This results in a bottle neck during the renewal process as everyone is trying to be licensed and/or renewed at the same time. This bill would allow the DOT Traffic Safety Bureau to stagger the expiration dates. For example, Driver Education licenses could expire on June 30th, Driving Safety licenses could expire on September 30th, DWI Education licenses could expire on December 31st and ignition interlock licenses could expire on March 30th. This would allow the workload to be spread more evenly throughout the year and thus make the process more efficient.

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