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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/6/2007

SPONSOR M.J Garcia LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Illegal Activities of Unlicensed Contractors SM 6

ANALYST Schuss

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Memorial 6 expresses concerns about illegal activities of unlicensed contractors in the construction trades.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Senate Memorial 6 states that persons claiming wrongfully to be licensed contractors sometimes prey on the poor and the elderly of New Mexico by performing unsatisfactory and potentially harmful home repairs. Unscrupulous activities by unlicensed contractors inflict financial and emotional harm on those least able to defend themselves. Unlicensed contractors do not have the surety required of licensed contractors that can provide protection for consumers against injury resulting from incomplete or improper home repairs.

The Construction Industries Division of the Regulation and Licensing Department makes every effort to discourage illegal behavior in the construction trades and to alert consumers to illegal and unethical activities of unlicensed contractors, and radio and television stations make air time available to public officials to warn residents against illegal and harmful practices. SM 6 requests that the Construction Industries Division of the Regulation and Licensing Department take every opportunity through media announcements to warn the people of New Mexico about unscrupulous and unethical activities by persons wrongfully claiming to be licensed contractors.

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