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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Soules **ORIGINAL DATE** 3/19/15 **LAST UPDATED** 3/12/15 **HB** 218/aSPAC/aSFI
SHORT TITLE Free Parking for Certain Veterans **SB** #1/aHRPAC
ANALYST Chenier

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY15	FY16	FY17	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		NFI	NFI	NFI	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

General Services Department (GSD)

Department of Public Safety (DPS)

Department of Veterans' Services (DVS)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of HRPAC Amendment

The House Regulatory and Public Affairs Committee amendment to Senate Bill 218 would specify that veterans would be allowed to park, without being charged a fee, "for up to 24 consecutive hours".

Synopsis of SFI #1 Amendment

The Senate Floor Amendment to Senate Bill 218 clarifies that veterans displaying disabled veteran placards would be allowed to park, without being a charged a fee, in parking facilities owned by the state or its political subdivisions.

Synopsis of SPAC Amendment

The Senate Public Affairs Committee amendment to Senate Bill 218 removes the requirement for "fifty percent or more disabled veterans" and would allow any veteran properly displaying a veteran registration plate to park, without being charged a fee, in parking facilities owned by the state or its political subdivisions.

Synopsis of Original Bill

Senate Bill 218 amends several sections of law to exempt veterans with 50 percent or more disabled veteran registration plates from parking fees in parking facilities owned by the state or its political subdivisions.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

This bill will not have a fiscal impact on the General Services Department (GSD). GSD does not own, manage, or oversee any pay to park lots. According to DVS there are 171 thousand veterans living in New Mexico.

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