

LFC Requester:

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### AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION

#### SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

*{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}*

Date Prepared: 1/29/25

Check all that apply:

Bill Number: HB155

Original  Correction   
Amendment  Substitute

Sponsor: Rep. Martin R. Zamora

Agency Name and Code Number: 305 – New Mexico  
Department of Justice

Short Title: GAMING CONTROL  
BOARD DIRECTOR  
QUALIFICATIONS

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#### SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

##### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate expenditure decreases)

##### REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate revenue decreases)

##### ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>						

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:  
 Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

**SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

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**BILL SUMMARY**

Synopsis: House Bill 155( “HB155” ) would amend Section 60-2E-9 of the Gaming Control Act (“the Act”) to broaden the qualifications for the executive director (“Director”) of the Gaming Control Board, and to remove the salary ceiling on the Director’s salary, which was previously limited to not exceed the Governor’s salary.

Section 1: HB155 proposes amendments to NMSA 1978, Section 60-2E-9(B) experience language to read, “in a regulatory agency or gaming.”

Section 2: HB155 proposes amendments to NMSA 1978, Section 60-2E-9(C) to remove salary conditions that restrict the director’s salary to “but not to exceed the governor of New Mexico's salary.”

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

N/A

**PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

**CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

Relationship:

House Bill 241: Amending definitions in the gaming control act to include “allowable gaming expenses” and “balance of net take”.

Senate Bill 302: Requiring a background investigation of contractors seeking unescorted access to facilities of the gaming control board, amending application and renewal requirements for

gaming licenses, certification of findings suitability and work permits, providing for background investigations of applicants for a license or permits issued pursuant to the New Mexico bingo and raffle act.

**TECHNICAL ISSUES**

N/A

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

N/A

**ALTERNATIVES**

N/A

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

Status quo.

**AMENDMENTS**

N/A