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**2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS**

Section I: General

Chamber: House
Number: 242

Category: Bill
Type: Introduced

Date (of THIS analysis): 2/4/2025

Sponsor(s): Marian Matthews

Short Title: Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact

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Section II: Fiscal Impact

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation Contained		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY 25	FY 26		
\$0	\$0	N/A	N/A

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY 25	FY 26	FY 27		
\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	N/A

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-recurring	Fund Affected
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	N/A

Section III: Relationship to other legislation

Duplicates: None.

Conflicts with: None.

Companion to: None.

Relates to: None.

Duplicates/Relates to an Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act: None.

Section IV: Narrative

1. BILL SUMMARY

a) Synopsis

House Bill 242 (HB242) proposes to enact the psychology interjurisdictional compact.

HB242 interjurisdictional compact is designed to achieve the following purposes and objectives: (1) increasing public access to professional psychological services by allowing for tele-psychological practice across state lines as well as temporary in-person, face-to-face services in a state in which the psychologist is not licensed to practice psychology; (2) enhancing the states' ability to protect the public's health and safety, especially client/patient safety; (3) encouraging the cooperation of compact states in the areas of psychology licensure and regulation; (4) facilitating the exchange of information between compact states regarding psychologist licensure, adverse actions and disciplinary history; (5) promoting compliance with the laws governing psychological practice in each compact state; and (6) investing all compact states with the authority to hold licensed psychologists accountable through the mutual recognition of compact state licenses.

Is this an amendment or substitution? Yes No

Is there an emergency clause? Yes No

b) Significant Issues

HB242 would expand access to psychological services providers that meet licensure requirements state-wide. Rural and frontier areas of the state would significantly benefit from this compact, as geographical isolation poses significant barriers to all types of medical and behavioral health care.

Department of Health facilities utilizing psychological services would have increased access to providers supporting the needs of residents and patients.

2. PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

- Does this bill impact the current delivery of NMDOH services or operations?

Yes No

If yes, describe how.

- Is this proposal related to the NMDOH Strategic Plan? Yes No

Goal 1: We expand equitable access to services for all New Mexicans

Goal 2: We ensure safety in New Mexico healthcare environments

Goal 3: We improve health status for all New Mexicans

Goal 4: We support each other by promoting an environment of mutual respect, trust, open communication, and needed resources for staff to serve New Mexicans and to grow and reach their professional goals

3. FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

- If there is an appropriation, is it included in the Executive Budget Request?

Yes No N/A

- If there is an appropriation, is it included in the LFC Budget Request?

Yes No N/A

- Does this bill have a fiscal impact on NMDOH? Yes No

4. ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Will this bill have an administrative impact on NMDOH? Yes No

5. DUPLICATION, CONFLICT, COMPANIONSHIP OR RELATIONSHIP

None.

6. TECHNICAL ISSUES

Are there technical issues with the bill? Yes No

7. LEGAL/REGULATORY ISSUES (OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES)

- Will administrative rules need to be updated or new rules written? Yes No

- Have there been changes in federal/state/local laws and regulations that make this legislation necessary (or unnecessary)? Yes No

- Does this bill conflict with federal grant requirements or associated regulations?

Yes No

- Are there any legal problems or conflicts with existing laws, regulations, policies, or programs? Yes No

8. DISPARITIES ISSUES

None.

9. HEALTH IMPACT(S)

None.

10. ALTERNATIVES

None.

11. WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL?

If HB242 is not enacted, the psychology interjurisdictional compact would not be enacted and DOH facilities would continue to use existing available resources.

12. AMENDMENTS

None.