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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION**

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**SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

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**Date Prepared:** 2/5/2025 *Check all that apply:*  
**Bill Number:** HB 267 Original  Correction   
 Amendment  Substitute

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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>						
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(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to: HB266  
 Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

**SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

**BILL SUMMARY**

Synopsis:

HB267- For the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee to amend the Physician Assistant Act to define a “supervising physician assistant” and to allow the New Mexico Medical Board to establish rules for an approval process allowing a supervising PA to supervise a newly licensed PA. A “supervising physician is one who has:

- A license to practice medicine
- Completed 3 or more years of clinical practice as a Physician Assistant
- Received approval to supervise a new licensed Physician Assistant pursuant to NMAC

A supervising PA would have the same responsibility as a licensed physician in supervising a newly licensed PA and shall be individually responsible and liable for performance of acts and omissions delegated to the Physician Assistant who is being supervised.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

None for The New Mexico Medical Board

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

This bill (HB267) is in conflict of bill HB266. Bill HB266 removes all terminology related to ‘Supervising Physician’ from the Physician Assistant (PA) section of the Medical Practice Act and if passed unchanged would eliminate the term as it relates to the PA. HB267 describes supervision performed by a licensed physician or a PA with qualifications. HB267 removes clear definition of a licensed physician as DO or MD. Any physician such as podiatric or naprapathic could qualify as a supervisor.

HB267 also contradicts HB266 in regards to the act of supervision. In HB266 is passed, no supervision of a PA will be required at any time of the PAs licensed work. A newly licensed PA is not defined in HB266 in regards to supervision. Temporary PA supervision is discussed but not defined which can be problematic.

**PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

None for The New Mexico Medical Board

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

The New Mexico Medical Board would continue to regulate and document supervision of a newly licensed PA.

**CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

None for The New Mexico Medical Board

**TECHNICAL ISSUES**

None for The New Mexico Medical Board

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

None for The New Mexico Medical Board.

**ALTERNATIVES**

MD and DO licensed physicians are best qualified to supervise physician assistants.

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

Lack of availability of physician supervision of a newly graduated PA (as is the current law) does create inabilities for communities to get providers, thereby worsening the area shortage. Enacting the bill would allow a qualified PA to supervise a new graduate PA as they enter practice which would increase training sites.

**AMENDMENTS**

The NMMB notes the need for amendments to clarify language regarding training and supervision. Supervision regarding the specialty PA provides should be addressed.