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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

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Date Prepared: 2-13-2025 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: HB 370 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Reps. Doreen Gallegos, Dayan Hochman-Vigil, Joshua Hernandez
Short Title: Health Care Professionals Credentialing
Agency Name and Code Number: Regulation and Licensing Department - 420
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: House Bill 370 (HB370)

HB370 prohibits hospitals from denying a physician medical staff membership or clinical privileges based on economic factors unrelated to the quality of care or professional competence. Hospitals must apply reasonable, objective standards for evaluating an applicant's credentials, and, whenever possible, ensure that the staff who evaluate applicants include members of that applicant's profession.

HB370 further specifies the following factors that hospitals cannot consider when evaluating an applicant's qualifications:

1. Membership or lack thereof in a professional society or association;
2. Advertising decisions, lower fees, or other competitive acts meant to solicit business;
3. Participation in prepaid group health plans, salaried employment, or any other manner of delivering health services for compensation;
4. Support for, training of, or participation in a private group practice with members of a particular class of health professionals;
5. Practice of testifying in malpractice lawsuits, disciplinary actions or other legal proceedings;
6. Willingness to refer a certain number of patients to the hospital for services, unless the hospital is publicly owned;
7. If providing medical or health services at another hospital, hospital system, outpatient facility, or other licensed healthcare facility; or
8. Any other economic criteria unrelated to quality of care or professional competence.

Health care facilities owned and operated by the University of New Mexico health system are exempt from the provisions of HB370.

The effective date of the legislation is June 20, 2025.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no fiscal impact anticipated for the Regulation and Licensing Department (RLD) if HB370 is enacted.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

TECHNICAL ISSUES

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

AMENDMENTS