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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

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

Date Prepared: 2/21/2025 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: H 544 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Rod Montoya & Jenifer Jones **Agency Name and Code** 449 Board of Nursing
Short Title: PROVIDING FOR EXPEDITED LICENSURE FOR PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL BOARDS. **Number:** _____
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
0	0	0	0

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		
0	0	0	0	0

(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	0	0	0	0	0	0

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

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

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: This bill addresses a process for expedited licensure for professional and occupational boards in the following fields:

Section 1: 61-6A-8 Genetic Counselors

Section 2: 61-6B-3 Polysomnography Technicians

Section 3: 61-6D-1 Physician Assistants

Section 4: NMAC 16.10.19 Anesthesiologist Assistants

Section 5: 61-7A-8 Dieticians

Section 6: 61-11-10 Pharmacists

Section 7 & 8: 61-12F-1 Naprapathic Therapists

Section 9 & 10: 61-12G-1 Naturopathic Therapists

Section 11: 61-14E-1 Imaging & Radiology Technologists

Section 12: 61-15-1 Architects

Section 13: 61-17A-5 Barbering & Cosmetologists

Section 14: 61-27B-33 Private Investigators

Section 15: 61-29-9 Real Estate Brokers

Section 16: 61-30-20 Real Estate Appraisers

Section 17: 61-32-10 Thanatocist

Section 18: 61-33-5 Utility Operators

Section 19: 61-34-1 Sign Language Interpreters.

It permits license holders from other U.S. states and territories, District of Columbia, as well as foreign countries in good standing to obtain an expedited license, pursuant to 61-1-31.1.

The comments below are about the Board of Nursing experience.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Additional revenue can be expected from increased license applications. Increased resource utilization often accompanies international applications, excluding Canada. International communication can be complex due to limited language proficiency and difficulties due to connectivity and time differences. International applicants often have difficulty with computer applications. Payment options in some international locations are complicated. International applicants also need fingerprinting services, sending out and receiving fingerprint cards can be time-consuming and repetitive due to mail service disruption and loss. Education evaluation for international applications coursework and equivalency through selected companies for primary source verification is also time intensive. There is an increase in foreign countries who no longer send primary source verification in order to retain their professionals for the home country (ex. Cuba, Jordan & Nigeria). The BON experience is that many licensees do not remain in New Mexico after licensure.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Licensees from other countries establishing English proficiency is not clear.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

International communication can be difficult due to connectivity and time differences.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

Language challenges often require increased resource utilization.

ALTERNATIVES

None.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

It could be extrapolated that a decreased number of professional and occupational licensees would be the result.

AMENDMENTS

None.