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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:** SB449 Original  Correction   
 Amendment  Substitute

**Sponsor:** Larry R. Scott and James G. Townsend and Candy Spence Ezzell **Agency Name and Code Number:** New Mexico Medical Board-446  
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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:  
 Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

**SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

**BILL SUMMARY**

Synopsis:

SB449- (Related to 2025 SB176 and HB379; 2023 HB435) Provides for venue in medical malpractice cases; limits recovery from the Patient’s Compensation Fund and requires approval of Superintendent of Insurance for settlements paid from that fund; allocates punitive damages awards; limits attorney fees; creates the Patient Safety Improvement Fund.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

None for The New Mexico Medical Board

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

None for The New Mexico Medical Board

**PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

None for The New Mexico Medical Board

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

None for The New Mexico Medical Board

**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**

None for The New Mexico Medical Board

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

None for The New Mexico Medical Board

**AMENDMENTS**

None for The New Mexico Medical Board