AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS 2023 REGULAR SESSION

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Check all that apply:		Date January 24, 2023
Original x Amendment		Bill No : HB 158
Correction Substitute		
Sponsor: Rep. A. Reeb and Rep. W. Rehm	Agency Name and Code Number:	305–Office of the Attorney General
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring	Fund	
FY23	FY24	or Nonrecurring	Affected	

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring	Fund
FY23	FY24	FY25	or Nonrecurring	Affected

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY23	FY24	FY25	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total						

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

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

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

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BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: This bill amends NMSA 1978, § 66-8-103, § 66-8-104, § 66-8-111, § 66-13-1, and § 66-13-6, which all relate to chemical testing in regard to driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs.

NMSA 1978 § 66-8-103 redefines who is qualified to take a chemical blood test. It removes laboratory technician and adds emergency medical technician or certified phlebotomist. It also changes the language from blood-alcohol test to chemical blood test.

NMSA 1978 § 66-8-104 changes the language from blood-alcohol test to chemical blood test. It also removes the words "police, judicial or probation" and "authorized by law" from the heading to read "officer unauthorized to make arrest or direct test except in performance of official duties."

NMSA 1978 § 66-8-111(A) (refusal to submit to chemical tests) removes the following language: thereby causing death or great bodily injury of another person, or there is probable cause to believe that the person has committed a felony while under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance and that chemical tests as provided in section 66-8-107 NMSA 1978 will produce material evidence in a felony prosecution.

NMSA 1978 § 66-8-111.1(A) (written notice of revocation and right to hearing) is amended to read "a law enforcement officer requesting a chemical test or directing the administration of a chemical test pursuant to sections 66-8-107 and 66-8-111" as opposed to just section 66-8-107.

NMSA 1978 § 66-13-1 changes the language from "sections 1 through 13 of this act" to "Chapter 66, Article 13 NMSA 1978" may be cited as the "Boating While Intoxicated Act."

NMSA 1978 § 66-13-6 changes the language from blood-alcohol to chemical blood tests. It also removes laboratory technician and includes "emergency medical technician or certified phlebotomist" instead. It also includes phlebotomist in the section regarding who cannot be held liable when performing a chemical blood test.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Note: major assumptions underlying fiscal impact should be documented.

Note: if additional operating budget impact is estimated, assumptions and calculations should be reported in this section.

None.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

None.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

N.M. Admin Code 7.33.2.7 defines a test in regard to blood draws, but it also may be helpful to define chemical blood test in the bill.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None.

ALTERNATIVES

N/A

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status quo.

AMENDMENTS

N/A