

1 SENATE BILL  
2 57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO LIVESTOCK; ENACTING A NEW SECTION OF THE LIVESTOCK  
12 CODE; RESTRICTING ACCESS TO CERTAIN INFORMATION DURING AN  
13 EPIDEMIC.  
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15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

16 SECTION 1. A new section of The Livestock Code, Section  
17 77-3-13.1 NMSA 1978, is enacted to read:

18 "77-3-13.1. [NEW MATERIAL] RESTRICTIONS ON INFORMATION  
19 ACCESS.--

20 A. When the board or any of its authorized  
21 representatives finds pursuant to Section 77-3-13 NMSA 1978  
22 that a disease has become epidemic or exists in a locality in a  
23 country, state or territory beyond the limits of this state,  
24 the board or any of its authorized representatives may deny  
25 access to the following information regarding persons involved

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1 with the livestock industry if the dissemination of such  
2 information would cause harm to such persons or would be  
3 contrary to the public interest:

4 (1) specific operational details of livestock  
5 operations, including:

6 (a) ownership, numbers, locations and  
7 movements of livestock;

8 (b) financial information;

9 (c) the purchase and sale of livestock;

10 (d) account numbers or unique  
11 identifiers issued by government or private entities;

12 (e) operational protocols; and

13 (f) participation in an all-hazards  
14 security system;

15 (2) information related to livestock disease  
16 or injury that:

17 (a) would identify a person or location;  
18 or

19 (b) contains confidential data pursuant  
20 to the veterinarian-patient-client privilege pursuant to  
21 Subsection S of Section 16.25.3.8 NMAC; and

22 (3) records of ongoing investigations that  
23 pertain to livestock.

24 B. Information shall not be withheld pursuant to  
25 Subsection A of this section if an investigation by the board

1 has concluded and the person being investigated is found by the  
2 board or its authorized representatives to have violated any  
3 provision of The Livestock Code that pertains to livestock.

4 C. If access to information is denied pursuant to  
5 Subsection A of this section, the board or any of its  
6 authorized representatives shall redact confidential  
7 information and make the remaining information available for  
8 disclosure.

9 D. Nothing in this section shall be construed to  
10 authorize the board or any of its authorized representatives to  
11 obtain information not otherwise permitted by law.

12 E. Nothing in this section shall:

13 (1) preclude a person in interest from  
14 accessing the person's own information;

15 (2) prevent the release of biological  
16 livestock samples to authorized third-party entities for  
17 scientific testing, so long as the testing entity agrees to  
18 maintain the confidentiality of the information it receives; or

19 (3) apply when the board or its authorized  
20 representatives determine that disclosure of livestock  
21 information is necessary to prevent or address an immediate  
22 threat to the health and safety of a person or animal.

23 F. When disclosing information pursuant to  
24 Subsection E of this section, the board or its authorized  
25 representatives shall release only as much information as is

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1 necessary to address the situation."

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