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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Rodriguez DATE TYPED: 02/04/01 HB \_\_\_\_\_  
 SHORT TITLE: Prohibit Animal Fighting For Monetary Gain SB SB 276  
 ANALYST: Wilson

### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY01	FY02	FY01	FY02		
	See Narrative				

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC files

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

SB 276 extends the prohibition against dog fighting for monetary gain or entertainment to all animals.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There are significant law enforcement costs associated with animal fighting since these events tend to lead to or involve illegal activities such as gambling and abuse of alcohol.

### OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

SB 276 defines “animal” as a vertebrate member of the animal kingdom, excluding humans. These are creature who do not have the capacity to consent to engage in the self destructive behavior of fighting.

Many New Mexicans believe that allowing animals to fight is cruel.

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