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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 3/09/2007

SPONSOR Taylor LAST UPDATED _____ HM 12

SHORT TITLE Retirement for Fighting Cocks SB _____

ANALYST Schuss

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

| Appropriation | | Recurring or Non-Rec | Fund Affected |
|---------------|------|-------------------------|------------------|
| FY07 | FY08 | | |
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(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Memorial 12 supports a suitable retirement for fighting cocks

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

House Memorial 12 states that in the heated and emotional debate over whether to prohibit cockfighting in the state of New Mexico, a question that by all appearances will be settled in a matter of weeks, few have considered the fate that awaits the proud and mighty fighting cocks in their imminent retirement. The lonely cluck of the warrior with no battle plucks at our heartstrings and stirs the very fabric of our compassionate souls and if the fighting cocks are anything like the rest of us, they have devoted precious little time and energy to planning for their golden years.

It would be an intolerable and ironic injustice to free the fighting cocks from the arena, where they at least had half a chance to see the next sunrise, only to have them land, literally, in the frying pan. It is not in the public's interest to allow retired fighting cocks to simply roam freely in New Mexico because they have nasty dispositions and no tolerance for other cocks and would almost certainly join the ranks of feral cats and stray dogs, all the while spreading their dang little feathers just about everywhere. Everybody loves a winner and, by definition, each of the soon-to-be-retired fighting cocks is undefeated.

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The House of Representatives of the State of New Mexico requests that the appropriate state agencies design and implement a retirement program befitting the majesty of the fighting cocks that includes twice-weekly visits from the very best cage-free hens the state has to offer, one high-definition television for every six cocks and a subscription to ESPN, animal planet and CMT pure country, but not to the food network or FOX news.

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