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	ORIGINAL DATE 1/20/15		
SPONSOR Bandy	**LAST UPDATED** 2/9/15	**HB**	105/aHAWC
SHORT TITLE Clarify Livestock Definition		**SB**	
		ANALYST	Elkins

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY15	**FY16**	**FY17**	**3 Year Total Cost**	**Recurring or Nonrecurring**	**Fund Affected**
Total		NFI				

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates SB123

SOURCES OF INFORMATION
LFC Files

Responses Received From
New Mexico Livestock Board (NMLB)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of HAWC Amendment

The House Agriculture, Water, and Wildlife Committee amendment to House Bill 105 adds new language to the Livestock Code by creating Section 77-9-3(B) NMSA 1978, which states goats and sheep are not required to be branded with a hot iron and may be identified by a legible tattoo, paint brand, or other device as approved by the board. The amendment adds swine, poultry, ratites, ostriches, emus, rheas, camelids, and farmed cervidae to the list of livestock exempt from Section 77-9-3 NMSA 1978, which includes not requiring the owner's brand be applied with a hot iron or the livestock be identified with a legible tattoo.

Synopsis of Orginal Bill

This bill amends and repeals certain sections of the Livestock Code to clarify the definition of livestock so it is consistent in all sections of the code.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no identified fiscal implications.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

This bill would assist in the law enforcement and animal health regulations overseen by the Livestock Board and State Veterinarian's Office by removing inconsistent language in the definition of livestock in the Livestock Code.

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