

Fiscal impact reports (FIRs) are prepared by the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) for standing finance committees of the NM Legislature. The LFC does not assume responsibility for the accuracy of these reports if they are used for other purposes.

Current and previously issued FIRs are available on the NM Legislative Website (www.nmlegis.gov) and may also be obtained from the LFC in Suite 101 of the State Capitol Building North.

FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Ferrary/Roybal ORIGINAL DATE 03/01 /17
Caballero/Thomson LAST UPDATED _____ HB 447

SHORT TITLE Veterinary Act Exemptions SB _____

ANALYST Daly

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY17	FY18	FY19	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		NFI	NFI			

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to CS/HB 219

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Board of Veterinary Medicine (BVM)
New Mexico Livestock Board (NMLB)
Office of the Attorney General (OAG)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 447 provides exemptions from the Veterinary Practice Act for pet owners or designated caregivers to:

- Inject a pet with licensed veterinarian-prescribed insulin;
- Vaccinate a pet against disease other than rabies; and
- Implant a microchip containing owner information in a pet.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No fiscal impact to the state is anticipated.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The BVM raises a concern with the term “designated caregiver”. It believes providing a specific

definition of that term would best serve New Mexicans and their companion animals. NMLB echoes that concern.

Additionally, the OAG questions whether the exemption allowing an owner or caregiver to vaccinate a pet should require the vaccination be prescribed by a licensed veterinarian.

RELATIONSHIP

HB 477 relates to CS/HB 219, which also amends the exemption provisions in the Veterinary Practice Act.

MD/sb/jle