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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Date Prepared: 3 MARCH 2025 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: HB284s Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Matthew McQueen & Pat Woods **Agency Name and Code** 790 – Department of Public Safety
Short Title: Free Roaming Horses and Livestock Code **Number:** _____
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
NFI	NFI	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		
NFI	NFI	NFI	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	NFI	NFI	NFI	NFI	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
 Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Amends the Livestock Code to provide for registration of facilities and qualified free-roaming horse experts by the Livestock Board; provides for state, county or municipal governments to contract for their services and for control and humane management of free-roaming horse herd populations, including fertility management, except where preempted by federal or tribal authority; provides for rulemaking; prohibits slaughter or export for slaughter of free-roaming horses; removes provision for “wild horses” and “Spanish colonial horses” from the code; establishes fines and penalties.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The substitute has no fiscal impact for DPS.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The substitute has no significant issues for DPS.

Free-roaming horses pose a serious risk to motorists. Horses wandering on public roads can cause accidents that may lead to injury or even death, both for animals and humans. By allowing humane management and relocation of these horses, the bill reduces the risk of such incidents.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

The substitute has no significant issues for DPS.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The substitute has no administrative implications for DPS.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

The substitute has no conflicts for DPS.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

The substitute has no technical issues for DPS.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The substitute has no other Substantive issues for DPS

ALTERNATIVES

The substitute has no alternatives for DPS.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status Quo will remain.

AMENDMENTS

The substitute has no Amendments for DPS.