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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:** 02/20/2025 *Check all that apply:*  
**Bill Number:** SB 412 Original  Correction   
 Amendment  Substitute

**Sponsor:** Candy Spence Ezzell **Agency Name and Code** NMBVM-479  
**Short Title:** Equine Dental Maintenance **Number:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

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

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate expenditure decreases)

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate revenue decreases)

**ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)**

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>		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**

##### Synopsis:

Sente Bill 412 adds an exemption for equine dental maintenance to NM Board of Veterinary Medicine Practice Act 61-14-14.

#### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

None for the Board of Veterinary Medicine.

#### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

The Board of Veterinary Medicine is opposed to the addition to Practice Act 61-14-14, equine dental maintenance. Their concern is allowing an untrained layman to tranquilize an equine to maintain the teeth. It could be very dangerous, and that is the concern of the Board, the health and well-being of the animal.

The Board will work in conjunction with them but feel that this addition should not be added.

1. This would be the only exemption given for a specific veterinary procedure and would open the door for others like HorseShoeing, Massage Therapy, Chiropractic, Acupuncture, etc.

2. The health and wellbeing of the horse is in danger because of the following;

- Many "Tooth Floaters" use tranquilizers illegally with no training.

- Equine dentistry is complicated in that the horse owner is unable to determine the quality and thoroughness of the work being done. They can only see or feel the first 2 cheek teeth and it's challenging to know if the caudal arcades are actually being floated. Veterinarians have had many clients bring them horses that were recently floated by a tooth floater that still had long, sharp points in the caudal half of all arcades, as well as other missed pathology. The tooth floater also doesn't know that he/she is not doing an adequate job.

So the horse owner thinks that they have had an adequate dental done, but the horse continues to have deep ulcerations in the cheeks and tongue for another year or so until the floater comes back and does the same thing again, The horse would suffer for years in this way.

- The only recognized certification authority for 'Specialist (a legal term) in Veterinary medicine is AVMA's [American Board of Veterinary Specialties](#) (ABVS) which recognizes veterinary specialties and specialty organizations, promoting advanced levels of competency in well-defined fields of veterinary medicine.

#### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

None for the NM Board of Veterinary Medicine.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

None for the Board of Veterinary Medicine.

#### **CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

None for the Board of Veterinary Medicine.

#### **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

None for the Board of Veterinary Medicine.

#### **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

None for the Board of Veterinary Medicine.

#### **ALTERNATIVES**

#### **WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

Significant issues that could occur if Equine Dental Maintenance were not given an exemption: Horse owners would have to go to their Veterinarians for dental maintenance. This would insure the health and safety of the horse in relation to dental health.

#### **AMENDMENTS**