

SENATE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL 56

57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025

AN ACT

RELATING TO LIVESTOCK; ENACTING A NEW SECTION OF THE LIVESTOCK
CODE; RESTRICTING ACCESS TO CERTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING
LIVESTOCK OWNERS, THEIR ANIMALS AND THEIR OPERATIONS DURING
INVESTIGATIONS AND RESPONSES TO ANIMAL HEALTH EVENTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. A new section of The Livestock Code, Section
77-3-1.1 NMSA 1978, is enacted to read:

"77-3-1.1. [NEW MATERIAL] RESTRICTIONS ON INFORMATION
ACCESS.--

A. When the board or any of its authorized
representatives determines that a disease or an animal health
event affecting livestock has a significant economic impact or
is zoonotic, fatal or highly injurious to livestock or fowl of
any kind, the board or any of its authorized representatives

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underscored material = new
[bracketed material] = delete

1 shall restrict access to the information regarding persons or
2 animals involved with the livestock industry if the board or
3 authorized representatives believe protection of that
4 information would encourage producer participation in quickly
5 identifying, isolating and controlling a disease or condition
6 affecting the health of livestock and subsequently affecting
7 security of the food supply. Specific details of livestock
8 operations related to the investigation of disease or animal
9 health events include:

- 10 (1) ownership;
- 11 (2) number of livestock owned;
- 12 (3) locations of livestock more specific than
13 level of county or region of the state;
- 14 (4) movement of livestock;
- 15 (5) financial information;
- 16 (6) the purchase and sale of livestock;
- 17 (7) account numbers or unique identifiers
18 issued by government or private entities;
- 19 (8) operational protocols, including herd
20 management plans that contain biosecurity details and critical
21 infrastructure that would expose vulnerabilities in an
22 operation that can be exploited for the purpose of malicious
23 intent; and
- 24 (9) records obtained from private
25 veterinarians that are considered confidential data pursuant to

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1 Subsection S of Section 16.25.3.8 NMAC and pursuant to the
 2 valid veterinary-client-patient relationship pursuant to
 3 Subsection C of Section 16.25.9.8 NMAC and Subsection N of
 4 Section 61-14-2 NMSA 1978.

5 B. If the board or any of its authorized
 6 representatives restrict access to information pursuant to
 7 Subsection A of this section, the board or any of its
 8 authorized representatives shall redact the specific details
 9 set forth in Paragraphs (1) through (9) of Subsection A of this
 10 section and make the remaining portions of such records
 11 available for disclosure.

12 C. Nothing in this section shall be construed to
 13 authorize the board or any of its authorized representatives to
 14 obtain information not otherwise permitted by law.

15 D. Nothing in this section shall:

16 (1) preclude a person of interest from
 17 accessing the person's own information; or

18 (2) prevent the release of information to
 19 state or federal agencies involved in response to livestock
 20 disease or animal health events, including any disease or
 21 condition of public health significance."