AN ACT

RELATING TO ANIMALS; ENACTING A NEW SECTION OF THE NMSA 1978 TO PROHIBIT THE SLAUGHTER OR TRANSPORT OF HORSES FOR ULTIMATE SLAUGHTER FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION; PROVIDING A PENALTY; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. [NEW MATERIAL] HORSE SLAUGHTER OR TRANSPORTING HORSES FOR SLAUGHTER FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION PROHIBITED-- PENALTY.--

A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, it is unlawful for a person to slaughter a horse if that person knows or should know that any of the horse meat will be used for human consumption.

B. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, it is unlawful for a person to possess, to import into or export

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1   from or transport through New Mexico, or to sell, buy, give

2   away, hold or accept any horse meat if that person knows or

3   should know that the horse meat will be used for human

4   consumption.

5   C.   A person who knowingly violates a provision of

6   this section is guilty of a misdemeanor, which is punishable

7   pursuant to Section 31-19-1 NMSA 1978.

8   **SECTION 2.**   APPROPRIATION.--One hundred thousand dollars

9   ($100,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the New

10   Mexico livestock board for expenditure in fiscal year 2016 to

11   enforce the provisions in law for regulating the transport of

12   horses for slaughter for human consumption.   Any unexpended or

13   unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2016

14   shall revert to the general fund.

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