

1 SENATE BILL 545

2 **54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019**

3 INTRODUCED BY

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO VETERINARY MEDICINE; ALLOWING AGREEMENTS BETWEEN  
12 THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND SCHOOLS OF  
13 VETERINARY MEDICINE TO HAVE STUDENT INTERNS IN NEW MEXICO  
14 VETERINARY CLINICS AND PRACTICES; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

17 SECTION 1. [NEW MATERIAL] VETERINARY STUDENT INTERNS.--

18 The New Mexico department of agriculture may enter into  
19 agreements with schools of veterinary medicine in other states  
20 to allow students to intern with New Mexico veterinary clinics  
21 and practices as part of the students' degree program. The  
22 department shall coordinate the program with New Mexico  
23 veterinarians and shall encourage veterinarians to participate  
24 in the program.

25 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.--One hundred thousand dollars

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1 (\$100,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the board  
2 of regents of New Mexico state university for expenditure in  
3 fiscal year 2020 for the New Mexico department of agriculture  
4 to enter into internship agreements with schools of veterinary  
5 medicine to allow their students to intern with New Mexico  
6 veterinarians and to create and coordinate the internship  
7 program. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at  
8 the end of fiscal year 2020 shall revert to the general fund.

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