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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

Barreras/Ivey-Soto
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SPONSOR Anderson **ORIGINAL DATE**
LAST UPDATED 01/31/22 **HB** 56
SHORT TITLE Temporary Veterinary Permits **SB** _____
ANALYST Wan

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY22	FY23	FY24		
	Indeterminate but likely minimal	Indeterminate but likely minimal	Recurring	Board of Veterinary Medicine Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Revenue Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Board of Veterinary Medicine (BVM)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 56 would amend the Veterinary Practice Act (Section 61-14-10 NMSA 1978) to allow for the issuance of a six-month temporary permit to a non-resident veterinarian who is employed by or has a contract with the state, a municipality, or a county to provide veterinary services at a nationally accredited zoo or aquarium located in New Mexico. The non-resident veterinarian may only be issued two consecutive temporary permits.

Currently, the Veterinary Practice Act allows for the issuance of a 60-day temporary permit to non-resident veterinarians and the non-resident veterinarian may only be issued two consecutive 60-day permits.

There is no effective date of this bill. It is assumed that the effective date is 90 days following adjournment of the Legislature.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

According to the Board of Veterinary Medicine (BVM), HB56 would not alter current operating procedures and would require no additional resources to be spent for implementation. The bill would have some revenue impact for BVM, which collects application fees for veterinary permits, but the board did not provide an estimate due to the uncertainty regarding how many non-resident veterinarians might apply for temporary permits after this change.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to BVM, there are a limited number of veterinarians in New Mexico trained in the areas of zoological and marine veterinary medicine, and this bill would allow for much-needed assistance for those veterinarians in times of crisis or if a shortage of these veterinarians should occur.

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