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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS  
2024 REGULAR SESSION**

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**SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

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Check all that apply:  
**Original**        **Amendment**      
**Correction**        **Substitute**   

**Date** 1/23/2024  
**Bill No:** HB 162

**Sponsor:** Gail Armstrong  
Jack Chatfield  
Jimmy Mason  
Susan K. Herrera  
Harlan Vincent  


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**Short Title:** MEAT INSPECTION ACT

**Agency Name and Code** NM Livestock Board 50800  
**Number:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25		
0.0	0.0	n/a	n/a

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25	FY26		
0.0	0.0	0.0	n/a	n/a

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

	<b>FY24</b>	<b>FY25</b>	<b>FY26</b>	<b>3 Year Total Cost</b>	<b>Recurring or Nonrecurring</b>	<b>Fund Affected</b>
<b>Total</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	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:

RELATING TO FOOD; ENACTING THE MEAT INSPECTION ACT; AUTHORIZING THE NEW MEXICO LIVESTOCK BOARD TO CONDUCT MEAT INSPECTIONS TO ENSURE THE SAFETY AND QUALITY OF MEAT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION; CREATING THE OFFICE OF MEAT AND POULTRY INSPECTION; PROVIDING FOR INSPECTION STAMPS AND ESTABLISHMENT NUMBERS; PROVIDING PENALTIES; PROVIDING EXEMPTIONS FOR RITUAL SLAUGHTER.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

Funding for the program is incorporated in the NMLB budget. The passing of this bill is not associated with increased funding. It is important to note that upon approval of the In-State Meat and Poultry Inspection (MPI) Program, by the United States Department of Agriculture Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS), the NMLB becomes eligible for reimbursement of program costs up to fifty percent (50%).

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## **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

Statutory authority will allow the NMLB to regulate the requirements set forth in Statutes and Rules associated with the MPI Program. Without such enforcement authority, a federally approved MPI Program will not be possible.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

The NMLB MPI Program will have the authority to enforce the requirements of the program. Compliance officers, enforcement, investigation, analysis officers, training officer, public health veterinarian, and inspectors will be hired and assigned to provide the inspection services.

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

There may be overlap with the inspection duties of the New Mexico Environment Department. The overlaps that may exist, will be addressed through MOUs.

Senate Bill 37 is a duplicate bill.

## **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

As the state MPI Program advances, a database specific to the program will need to be developed and incorporated into the program. The state will have the option to adopt the federal database (Public Health Information Service) or develop its own unique database.

## **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

The major issue is without statutory authority. that meets the federal requirements, New Mexico will not be eligible for an FSIS approved In-State Meat and Poultry Inspection Program.

## **ALTERNATIVES**

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

Not enacting the bill will mean that New Mexico will not be eligible for an approved Meat and Poultry Inspection Program.

## **AMENDMENTS**