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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Rep. Armstrong/Sen. Trujillo
LAST UPDATED _____
ORIGINAL DATE 2/20/2025
SHORT TITLE Veterinarian as Health Practitioner
BILL NUMBER House Bill 366
ANALYST Esquibel

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT* (dollars in thousands)

Agency/Program	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
	No fiscal impact	No fiscal impact	No fiscal impact			

Parentheses () indicate expenditure decreases.
 *Amounts reflect most recent analysis of this legislation.

Sources of Information

LFC Files

Agency Analysis Received From
 Department of Health (DOH)
 Health Care Authority (HCA)
 New Mexico Board of Veterinary Medicine (BVM)
 New Mexico Medical Board (MB)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of House Bill 366

House Bill 366 (HB366) proposes to include veterinarians in the definition of “health care practitioner” under the Health Care Practitioner Agreements provisions to bring veterinarians under the professional employment agreement safeguards offered by the health care code. The bill would add veterinarians to the professions for which noncompete provisions are unenforceable.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The bill does not contain a direct fiscal impact.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The bill could assist in recruiting and retaining veterinarians to the state.

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