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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION

WITHIN 24 HOURS OF BILL POSTING, UPLOAD ANALYSIS TO

AgencyAnalysis.nmlegis.gov and email to billanalysis@dfa.nm.gov*(Analysis must be uploaded as a PDF)***SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION***{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}*Date Prepared: 01/28/2026

Check all that apply:

Bill Number: HB 177Original Correction Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Alan T. Martinez & Mark Duncan & Rebecca Dow
Shelter Care for Companion Animals

Agency Name and Code Number: NM Board of Veterinary Medicine 47900

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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		
N/A	N/A		

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		
N/A	N/A	N/A		

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY26	FY27	FY28	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	N/A	N/A	N/A			

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis:

HB 177 is for the shelter and care of service and companion animals and to support veterans.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None for the Board of Veterinary Medicine

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

It is always important to ensure the safe and humane care for service and companion animals. This is very important for veterans and anyone else that has a service or companion animal. Companion animals provide social health, mental and physical benefits and they offer unconditional love and bring happiness and ease loneliness.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

None for the Board of Veterinary Medicine

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None for the Board of Veterinary Medicine

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None for the Board of Veterinary Medicine

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None for the Board of Veterinary Medicine

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None for the Board of Veterinary Medicine

ALTERNATIVES

None for the Board of Veterinary Medicine

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Dogs have been proven to reduce anxiety, stress and depression. They can also encourage exercise which also helps with mental health and depression. Care of any animal including companion and service animals is very important to New Mexico.

AMENDMENTS