

LFC Requester:

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### AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION

**SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

*{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}*

**Date Prepared:** 1/26/26

*Check all that apply:*

**Bill Number:** SB 74

Original X      Correction       
Amendment           Substitute     

**Sponsor:** Sen. Craig W. Brandt

**Agency Name and Code Number:** 305 – New Mexico Department of Justice

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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate expenditure decreases)

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate revenue decreases)

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

	<b>FY26</b>	<b>FY27</b>	<b>FY28</b>	<b>3 Year Total Cost</b>	<b>Recurring or Nonrecurring</b>	<b>Fund Affected</b>
<b>Total</b>						

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:  
 Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

**SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

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**BILL SUMMARY**

Synopsis:

SB 74 adds an affirmative duty to stop or attempt to stop a cockfight if they are present at a cockfight. Additionally, the bill removes the lower penalties of a petty misdemeanor for a first offense, and a misdemeanor for a second offense, and makes all violations of 30-18-9 concerning dog fights and cockfights a fourth-degree felony.

Section 1, the only section of the Bill, amends NMSA 30-18-9 related to dog fighting and cockfighting. Section (A)(1) currently requires a person present at a dog fight to attempt to interfere with or stop the contest. This would be amended to add cockfighting to this affirmative requirement of trying to stop the fight. The other amendment to section (C) and (D) would eliminate a graduating degree of criminal offense, from petty misdemeanor to fourth-degree felony, based on the number of prior convictions under this statute, and make a first offense a fourth-degree felony.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

N/A

**PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

**CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

N/A

**TECHNICAL ISSUES**

N/A

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

N/A

**ALTERNATIVES**

N/A

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

Status quo

**AMENDMENTS**

N/A