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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION

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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: 1/26/26

Check all that apply:

Bill Number: SB74Original Correction Amendment Substitute Sponsor: Craig BrandtAgency Name
and Code770- NMCD

Short

Person Writing

A. Griego QuintanaTitle: Cockfighting PenaltiesPhone: 505-479-2296Email Anisa.griego-quinta@cd.nm.gov**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT****APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		

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)

	FY26	FY27	FY28	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	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: Senate Bill 74 proposes to amend the Criminal Code provisions against dog fighting and cockfighting by rewriting Section 30-18-9, taken as a whole, to make crimes and penalties related to dog fights and cockfights equivalent under the law, and removes the escalating penalties for dog and cockfighting.

The bill does the following:

- 1) clarifies that being present at a cockfight, as well as at a dog fight, while owning or equipping one of the participating animals with knowledge of the contest, without attempting to interfere or stop the contest is unlawful participation.
- 2) that sponsoring, arranging, holding or participating in either a dog or cock fight for monetary gain or entertainment, and training animals to participate in such fights, is a fourth degree felony.
- 3) removes the current escalating penalties for violating the section, by deleting the subsection that currently provides that the first conviction is a petty misdemeanor, the second a misdemeanor, and the third or subsequent convictions are a fourth degree felony.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The amendment is not expected to have a fiscal impact on the Department.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

None

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None

ALTERNATIVES

None

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

None

AMENDMENTS

None