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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: 5 February 2026

Check all that apply:

Bill Number: SB 227Original Correction Amendment Substitute Sponsor: RamosAgency Name
and CodeNew Mexico Sentencing
Commission (354)Short Cruelty to animals registry

Number:

Person Writing Douglas Carver

Title: _____

Phone: 505-239-8362 Email dhmcarver@unm.edu**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT****APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

| Appropriation | | Recurring or Nonrecurring | Fund Affected |
|---------------|-------|------------------------------|------------------|
| FY26 | FY27 | | |
| | \$451 | Nonrecurring | |
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REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

| Estimated Revenue | | | Recurring or Nonrecurring | Fund Affected |
|-------------------|------|------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| FY26 | FY27 | FY28 | | |
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(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 | | | | | | |

(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:

SB 227 creates a new section of law that requires a person who has been convicted under Section 30-18-1 NMSA 1978, the cruelty to animals statute, to have to register with the county sheriff for the county in which they reside. The bill lists the items of personal information that they have to provide to the sheriff. The sheriff is to maintain a registry of those required to register. The Department of Public Safety is to maintain a central registry, and shall create a report on the DPS website so the public can see who has registered. If the person required to register moves, they need to register with the sheriff of their new county within five business days.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Note: major assumptions underlying fiscal impact should be documented.

Note: if additional operating budget impact is estimated, assumptions and calculations should be reported in this section.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The cruelty to animals registry is clearly modeled on the sex offender registry. One item that is not clear in the bill is how long the person would have to be registered. As there is no time limit indicated, one would have to register for life.

Two states and a few localities have animal abuse registries. Florida and Tennessee have them (Florida's is quite recent), and a handful of counties as well as New York City. Legislation has been introduced in a few other states in recent years.

To get a sense of how many people would be on the registry, in FY24, there were 96 cases with Section 30-18-1 as the lead offense. Of the 66 closed cases there were 9 convictions.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

TECHNICAL ISSUES

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

AMENDMENTS