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REQUESTING THAT THE NEW MEXICO LIVESTOCK BOARD ROTATE INSPECTORS AMONG LIVESTOCK AUCTIONS IN THE STATE.

WHEREAS, there are livestock auctions all over the state, including at Aztec, Milan, Belen, Albuquerque, Socorro, Deming, Roswell, Clovis, Clayton, Las Vegas and Portales, with New Mexico livestock board inspectors stationed at each auction; and

WHEREAS, there are often problems with identifying livestock because they enter the auction without the proper paperwork or permits; and

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the New Mexico livestock board to control theft and disease of livestock transported and sold in the state; and

WHEREAS, there are twenty-six thousand eight hundred brands recorded in New Mexico for use on livestock; and

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WHEREAS, it is required that a seller of livestock present proof of ownership before livestock can change hands; and

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the New Mexico livestock board inspectors to research brands and ask questions of sellers if anything looks amiss; and

WHEREAS, under the current system of inspection New Mexico livestock board inspectors work at the same auction week after week without knowledge of the workings of other auctions;

NOW. THEREFORE. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico livestock board inspectors not be permanently stationed at any one auction; and

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED that a rotation schedule be set up so that each inspector can inspect operations at each auction so that rules are enforced uniformly and objectively and inspectors remain alert to infractions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be sent to the executive director of the New Mexico livestock board.

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