

NMSU Regents approve proposed amendment to Commercial Feeds rule

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Addresses new 'Spay and Neuter Program Fee' section of rule

LAS CRUCES – The New Mexico State University Board of Regents approved the New Mexico Department of Agriculture's proposed Commercial Feeds rule amendment at its regular meeting Sept. 18.

During the 2020 legislative session, Senate Bill 57 *Pet Food Fee for Neutering & Sheltering* was signed into law. This amended the New Mexico Commercial Feed Act (Section 76-19A NMSA 1978) to add a new section titled

Spay and Neuter Program Fee

. The legislation mandates that NMDA shall impose an additional fee on pet food registration for dogs and cats to fund the dog and cat spay and neuter assistance program and the animal sheltering act.

NMDA held a virtual hearing July 29 to receive public input on an amendment to the 21.18.3 NMAC, Commercial Feeds rule. This amendment adds new definitions and a new section titled *Spay and Neuter Program Fee*

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Legal authority authorizing the rule amendment is granted to the board of regents of New Mexico State University under the New Mexico Commercial Feed Act, Chapter 76, Article 19A Sections 1 - 17, NMSA 1978 Compilation.

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