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SENATE BILL 253

52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015

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AN ACT

RELATING TO ANIMALS; PROHIBITING COYOTE-KILLING CONTESTS;
DEFINING "COYOTE-KILLING CONTEST"; PROVIDING PENALTIES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

~~SECTION 1. A new section of Chapter 30, Article 18 NMSA
1978 is enacted to read:~~

~~"[NEW MATERIAL] LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS. The legislature
finds that it would benefit the state to retain its tradition
of nonfrivolous hunting by eliminating the practice of
coyote killing contests in concert with long standing
conservation guidelines for hunters and anglers."~~

~~SECTION 21. A new section of Chapter 30, Article 18 NMSA
1978 is enacted to read:~~

~~"[NEW MATERIAL] COYOTE-KILLING CONTESTS PROHIBITED--
DEFINITION--PENALTIES.--~~

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1 A. It is unlawful for a person to organize, cause,
2 sponsor, arrange, hold or participate in a coyote-killing
3 contest.

4 B. As used in this section, "coyote-killing
5 contest" means an organized or sponsored competition with the
6 objective of killing coyotes for prizes or entertainment.

7 C. Organizing, causing, sponsoring, arranging or
8 holding a coyote-killing contest consists of a person:

9 (1) knowingly planning, organizing or enticing
10 a person to participate in a coyote-killing contest; or

11 (2) knowingly providing the venue for a
12 coyote-killing contest.

13 D. Participation in a coyote-killing contest
14 consists of a person knowingly taking part in a coyote-killing
15 contest.

16 E. A person who organizes, causes, sponsors,
17 arranges or holds a coyote-killing contest is guilty of a
18 misdemeanor.

19 F. A person who participates in a coyote-killing
20 contest is guilty of a petty misdemeanor.

21 G. Nothing in this section shall be construed to
22 prohibit a person from protecting a person or property, unless
23 otherwise prohibited by law."

24 **SECTION 32.** EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
25 provisions of this act is July 1, 2015.

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