

1 SENATE BILL 253

2 **52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015**

3 INTRODUCED BY

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10 AN ACT

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

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

15 SECTION 1. A new section of Chapter 30, Article 18 NMSA
16 1978 is enacted to read:

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

22 SECTION 2. A new section of Chapter 30, Article 18 NMSA
23 1978 is enacted to read:

24 "[NEW MATERIAL] COYOTE-KILLING CONTESTS PROHIBITED--
25 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 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**--The effective date of the
25 provisions of this act is July 1, 2015.

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