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AN ACT

RELATING TO GAME AND FISH; AMENDING A SECTION OF THE NMSA  
1978 TO AUTHORIZE TWO ADDITIONAL BIGHORN SHEEP ENHANCEMENT  
PERMITS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 17-3-16.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws  
1989, Chapter 384, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

"17-3-16.1. BIGHORN SHEEP ENHANCEMENT  
PERMITS--ISSUANCE--USE.--

A. The state game commission shall direct the  
department of game and fish to authorize not more than four  
of the permits available for issuance in the license year for  
the taking of four bighorn rams for the purpose of raising  
funds for programs and projects to benefit bighorn sheep.

B. The state game commission shall prescribe by  
regulation the form, design and manner of issuance of the  
bighorn sheep enhancement permits. The issuance of two  
permits shall be subject to auction by the department or by  
an incorporated nonprofit organization dedicated to  
conservation of wildlife, as determined by the commission,  
and shall be sold to the highest bidder. The issuance of the  
other two permits shall be subject to a lottery by the  
department or by an incorporated nonprofit organization  
dedicated to conservation of wildlife, as determined by the

