

HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL 316

51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013

AN ACT

RELATING TO ANIMALS; PROHIBITING COYOTE-KILLING CONTESTS;
DEFINING A TERM; 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]~~ COYOTE-KILLING CONTESTS PROHIBITED--
DEFINITION--PENALTIES.--

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

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

C. Organizing, causing, sponsoring, arranging or

1 holding a coyote-killing contest consists of a person:

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

4 (2) knowingly providing the venue for a
5 coyote-killing contest.

6 D. Participation in a coyote-killing contest
7 consists of a person knowingly taking part in a coyote-killing
8 contest.

9 E. A person who organizes, causes, sponsors,
10 arranges or holds a coyote-killing contest is guilty of a
11 misdemeanor.

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

14 G. Nothing in this section shall be construed to
15 prohibit a person from protecting a person or property, unless
16 otherwise prohibited by law.

17 H. Nothing in this section shall be construed to
18 prohibit the killing of coyotes if organized or permitted by
19 the state game commission for the purpose of conservation or
20 population management."

21 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
22 provisions of this act is July 1, 2013.