SENATE BILL 268

53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2017

INTRODUCED BY

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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] 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
holding a coyote-killing contest consists of a person knowingly:

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 2017.