

1 SENATE BILL 76

2 **54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019**

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] COYOTE-KILLING CONTESTS PROHIBITED--  
18 DEFINITION--PENALTIES.--

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

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

25 C. Organizing, causing, sponsoring, arranging or

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

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

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

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

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

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

15 G. Nothing in this section shall be construed to  
16 prohibit a person from protecting a person or property or the  
17 state gave commission from carrying out the statutory authority  
18 allowed by Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 in a non-coyote-killing contest  
19 setting."

20 **SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**--The effective date of the  
21 provisions of this act is July 1, 2019.