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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:

"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.

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

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

6           G. Nothing in this section shall be construed to  
7 prohibit a person from protecting a person or property or the  
8 state game commission from carrying out the statutory  
9 authority allowed by Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 in a non-coyote-  
10 killing contest setting."

11           SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the  
12 provisions of this act is July 1, 2019. \_\_\_\_\_

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