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March 12, 2025

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENT number \_\_\_\_\_ to SENATE BILL 5, as amended

Amendment sponsored by Representative

1. Strike House Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee Amendments 11 and 15.

2. On page 12, strike lines 21 through 25 and on page 13, strike lines 1 through 22 and insert in lieu thereof:

"SECTION 5. A new section of the Wildlife Conservation Act is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] WILDLIFE TO BE PROTECTED--MANAGEMENT.--

A. In addition to species defined as protected in Chapter 17 NMSA 1978, the commission is authorized to extend management and protection by rule to any species of wildlife.

B. When determining whether and how to protect a species of wildlife, the commission shall base a decision solely on:

(1) whether the species qualifies as a species of greatest conservation need;

(2) the science-based reasons for protection of a species;

(3) the rules and management programs that would potentially accompany protected status; provided that a rule shall not authorize the direct or indirect removal or displacement of livestock from a species' habitat including from pasture, river, spring, stock tank or stream; and

(4) a finding by the commission that a decision to

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protect a species and implement accompanying rules shall have a de minimis impact on affected parties.

C. The department is not required to respond to wildlife nuisance incidents as prescribed by Section 17-2-7.2 NMSA 1978 unless:

(1) the department was required to do so for species listed as protected in statute prior to July 1, 2026; or

(2) in its own discretion, the commission adopts a rule directing the department to do so.

D. As used in this section, "wildlife" means a nondomestic mammal, bird, reptile, amphibian, fish or invertebrate species, including a living animal, or any part, egg, spawn, offspring or the dead body or parts thereof."".

3. On page 17, strike lines 20 through 25, strike pages 18 through 20 and on page 21, strike lines 1 through 19 and insert in lieu thereof:

"SECTION 10. Section 17-3-13 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1964 (1st S.S.), Chapter 17, Section 5, as amended) is amended to read:

"17-3-13. LICENSE FEES--FEE ADJUSTMENTS---

A. The director of the department of [~~game and fish~~] wildlife shall keep a record of all money received and licenses and permits issued by the department, numbering each class separately. Upon satisfactory proof that a license or permit has been lost before its expiration, the director may issue a duplicate and collect a just and reasonable fee [~~for it~~] as determined by [~~regulation of the~~] state [~~game~~] wildlife commission rule.

B. Beginning April 1, 2027 and on April 1 of each

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successive year, the state wildlife commission may adjust the fees provided by this section for inflation as provided in Subsection C of this section. The director of the department of [~~game and fish~~] wildlife shall collect the following fees for each license of the class indicated:

Resident, fishing . . . . .	[ <del>\$25.00</del> ]	<u>\$35.00</u>
Resident, game hunting . . . . .	[ <del>15.00</del> ]	<u>25.00</u>
Resident, deer . . . . .	[ <del>31.00</del> ]	<u>50.00</u>
Resident, junior-senior, deer . . . . .	[ <del>19.00</del> ]	<u>25.00</u>
Resident, senior, [ <del>handicapped</del> ] <u>disabled</u> , game hunting and fishing . . . . .		20.00
Resident, fishing and game hunting combination . . . . .	[ <del>30.00</del> ]	<u>42.00</u>
Resident, junior, fishing and game hunting combination . . . . .		15.00
Resident, disabled veteran, fishing and game hunting combination . . . . .		10.00
Resident, antelope . . . . .	[ <del>50.00</del> ]	<u>60.00</u>
Resident, elk cow . . . . .	[ <del>50.00</del> ]	<u>60.00</u>
Resident, elk bull or either sex . . . . .	[ <del>80.00</del> ]	<u>90.00</u>
Resident, junior-senior, elk . . . . .	[ <del>48.00</del> ]	<u>60.00</u>
Resident, bighorn sheep, ram . . . . .		150.00

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Resident, bighorn sheep, ewe . . . . .	75.00
Resident, Barbary sheep . . . . .	<del>[100.00]</del> <u>120.00</u>
Resident, bear . . . . .	<del>[44.00]</del> <u>55.00</u>
Resident, turkey . . . . .	<del>[25.00]</del> <u>35.00</u>
Resident, cougar . . . . .	<del>[40.00]</del> <u>55.00</u>
Resident, oryx . . . . .	<del>[150.00]</del> <u>175.00</u>
Resident, ibex . . . . .	<del>[100.00]</del> <u>110.00</u>
Resident, javelina . . . . .	55.00
Resident, fur dealer . . . . .	<del>[15.00]</del> <u>50.00</u>
Resident, trapper . . . . .	<del>[20.00]</del> <u>50.00</u>
Resident, junior trapper . . . . .	<del>[9.00]</del> <u>20.00</u>
Nonresident, fishing . . . . .	<del>[56.00]</del> <u>90.00</u>
Nonresident, junior fishing . . . . .	<del>[15.00]</del> <u>20.00</u>
Nonresident, junior, game hunting . . . . .	<del>[15.00]</del> <u>20.00</u>
Nonresident, game hunting . . . . .	<del>[65.00]</del> <u>90.00</u>
Nonresident, deer . . . . .	<del>[260.00]</del> <u>375.00</u>
Nonresident, quality deer . . . . .	<del>[345.00]</del> <u>600.00</u>
Nonresident, bear . . . . .	<del>[250.00]</del> <u>350.00</u>

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Nonresident, cougar . . . . .	[ <del>280.00</del> ]	<u>350.00</u>
Nonresident, turkey . . . . .	[ <del>100.00</del> ]	<u>125.00</u>
Nonresident, antelope . . . . .	[ <del>260.00</del> ]	<u>400.00</u>
Nonresident, elk cow . . . . .	[ <del>315.00</del> ]	<u>550.00</u>
Nonresident, elk bull or either sex . . . . .	[ <del>525.00</del> ]	<u>750.00</u>
Nonresident, quality elk . . . . .	[ <del>750.00</del> ]	<u>975.00</u>
Nonresident, bighorn sheep . . . . .	[ <del>3,150.00</del> ]	<u>3,500.00</u>
Nonresident, Barbary sheep . . . . .		350.00
Nonresident, oryx . . . . .		1,600.00
Nonresident, ibex . . . . .		1,600.00
Nonresident, javelina . . . . .		155.00
Nonresident, fur dealer . . . . .	[ <del>125.00</del> ]	<u>200.00</u>
Nonresident, trapper . . . . .	[ <del>345.00</del> ]	<u>500.00</u>
Nonresident, nongame . . . . .		65.00
<u>Nonresident, shed hunter license . . . . .</u>		<u>200.00</u>
Resident, senior, [ <del>handicapped</del> ] <u>disabled</u> , fishing . . . . .		8.00
Resident, junior fishing . . . . .		5.00
Temporary fishing, one day . . . . .		12.00

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Temporary fishing, five days . . . . .	[ <del>24.00</del> ]	<u>30.00</u>
Resident, senior, [ <del>handicapped</del> ] <u>disabled</u> , game hunting . . . . .		15.00
Resident, junior, game hunting . . . . .		10.00
Temporary game hunting, four days . . . . .	[ <del>33.00</del> ]	<u>40.00</u>
Second rod validation . . . . .	[ <del>4.00</del> ]	<u>10.00.</u>

C. On April 1, 2027 and on April 1 of each successive year, the state wildlife commission may adjust the fees provided by Subsection B of this section by an amount up to the total amount reflected by the annual percentage change in the consumer price index; provided that the fees shall not be adjusted below the minimum amounts of the previous year as a result of a decrease in the consumer price index, and the fees shall be adjusted on April 1, 2032 and every five years thereafter. The amount of the adjustment shall be rounded to the nearest dollar. By November 1, 2026 and by November 1 of each successive year, the department of wildlife shall post on its website the fees provided in Subsection B of this section for the next year.

D. Residents who participate in the supplemental nutrition assistance program are eligible to receive a twenty-five percent discount on all license fees after qualifying with the department of wildlife.

E. As used in this section, "consumer price index" means the consumer price index, not seasonally adjusted, for all urban consumers, United States city average for all items, or its successor index, as published by the United States department of labor for a twelve-month period ending September 30.

F. License fee revenues collected pursuant to this section

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shall not be used for the management or protection of any nongame mammals, nongame birds or nongame fish."

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(Chief Clerk) (Chief Clerk)

Date \_\_\_\_\_