

State of New Mexico  
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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 Amendment 11.

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 consider:

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

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

(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 a pasture, river, spring, stock tank or stream.

C. The department is not required to respond to wildlife

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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."".

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(Chief Clerk)

Not Adopted \_\_\_\_\_  
(Chief Clerk)

Date \_\_\_\_\_