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HOUSE BILL 543

50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2011

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AN ACT

RELATING TO WILDLIFE; ENACTING A NEW SECTION OF THE WILDLIFE
CONSERVATION ACT TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR ENTERING INTO
INTERSTATE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT COMPACTS GOVERNING SHARED
ENDANGERED OR THREATENED SPECIES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. A new section of the Wildlife Conservation Act
is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] INTERSTATE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT COMPACT.--

A. On recommendation of the commission, the
governor may enter on behalf of the state into compacts with
other states, at least one of which shall share a border with
New Mexico, to provide for the cooperative management of
endangered and threatened species.

B. Any compact entered into under the provisions of

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1 this section shall seek to achieve viable populations of
2 endangered or threatened species in locations compatible with
3 human activity.

4 C. A compact for the purposes provided for in this
5 section shall:

6 (1) recognize and accommodate the unique
7 management needs and challenges of the several distinct
8 populations and subspecies of the various species present among
9 the participating states;

10 (2) provide for the administration of its
11 provisions and public participation and comment in formulating
12 the policies, procedures and programs governed by the compact;

13 (3) include provisions for compiling and
14 sharing data and other information, documents and electronic
15 files among the participating states, the state, federal
16 wildlife management agencies and the public;

17 (4) include measures for addressing issues of
18 human and endangered or threatened species interface, including
19 habitat overlap and depredation; and

20 (5) provide for uniform civil and criminal
21 penalties for violation of the compact's provisions.

22 D. At least ninety days before the governor signs
23 the compact, the commission shall:

24 (1) provide copies of the compact to the New
25 Mexico legislative council;

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(2) notify each member of the legislature and the boards of county commissioners likely to be affected by the compact that a copy of the compact will be provided upon request; and

(3) post the text of the compact on the commission's and department of game and fish's official web sites."

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 2011.