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AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATE GAME COMMISSION; AMENDING THE  
COMMISSION'S POWERS TO INCLUDE RULEMAKING RELATING TO THE  
PRINCIPLES OF FAIR CHASE.

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

SECTION 1. Section 17-2-1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1931,  
Chapter 117, Section 3, as amended) is amended to read:

"17-2-1. COMMISSION POWERS.--The state game commission,  
in addition to the powers now vested in it and not as a  
limitation of those powers, is expressly authorized and  
empowered by regulation adopted and promulgated in the manner  
provided in Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 to:

A. define game birds, game animals and game fish;

B. establish open and closed seasons for the  
killing or taking of all kinds of game animals, game birds  
and game fish and to change such open seasons from year to  
year and to fix different seasons for different parts of the  
state;

C. establish bag limits covering all kinds of game  
animals, game birds and game fish and the numbers thereof  
which may be killed or taken by any one person during any one  
day or during any one open season;

D. authorize or prohibit the killing or taking of  
any game animals, game birds or game fish of any kind or sex;

1           E. prescribe the manner, methods and devices that  
2 may be used in hunting, taking or killing game animals, game  
3 birds and game fish;

4           F. prescribe rules to prohibit any vehicle or  
5 vehicles used in transporting persons engaged in hunting,  
6 taking or killing game animals, game birds and game fish from  
7 leaving established roadways;

8           G. prescribe rules that embody the principles of  
9 fair chase, which rules may include prohibitions on the use  
10 of certain technologies for hunting or fishing and specific  
11 wildlife location data that is collected by the department of  
12 game and fish or its contractors; and

13           H. appoint one or more advisory committees to  
14 furnish advice, evaluations and recommendations for wildlife  
15 management projects utilizing revenue derived from the sale of  
16 public land management stamps. The advisory committees shall  
17 be created pursuant to the procedures of Section 9-1-9 NMSA  
18 1978, provided that the restrictions on the life of advisory  
19 committees contained in Subsection F of that section shall not  
20 apply." \_\_\_\_\_

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