

AN ACT

RELATING TO GAME AND FISH; AMENDING A SECTION OF THE NMSA
1978 TO AUTHORIZE AN ADDITIONAL BIGHORN SHEEP ENHANCEMENT
PERMIT.

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

Section 1. Section 17-3-16.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws
1989, Chapter 384, Section 1) is amended to read:

"17-3-16.1. BIGHORN SHEEP ENHANCEMENT PERMITS--
ISSUANCE--USE.--

A. The state game commission shall direct the
department of game and fish to authorize not more than two
of the permits available for issuance in the license year
for the taking of two bighorn rams for the purpose of
raising funds for programs and projects to benefit bighorn
sheep.

B. The state game commission shall prescribe by
regulation the form, design and manner of issuance of the
bighorn sheep enhancement permits. The issuance of one
permit shall be subject to auction by the department or by
an incorporated nonprofit organization dedicated to
conservation of wildlife, as determined by the commission,
and shall be sold to the highest bidder. The issuance of
the other permit shall be subject to a lottery by the
department or by an incorporated nonprofit organization
dedicated to conservation of wildlife, as determined by the
commission.

C. All money collected from the issuance and sale
of the bighorn sheep enhancement permits shall be credited
to the game protection fund to be used exclusively for

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