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SENATE BILL 268

**53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2017**

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO ANIMALS; PROHIBITING COYOTE-KILLING CONTESTS;  
DEFINING "COYOTE-KILLING CONTEST"; PROVIDING PENALTIES.

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

SECTION 1. A new section of Chapter 30, Article 18 NMSA  
1978 is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] COYOTE-KILLING CONTESTS PROHIBITED--  
DEFINITION--PENALTIES.--

A. It is unlawful for a person to organize, cause,  
sponsor, arrange, hold or participate in a coyote-killing  
contest.

B. As used in this section, "coyote-killing  
contest" means an organized or sponsored competition with the  
objective of killing coyotes for prizes or entertainment.

C. Organizing, causing, sponsoring, arranging or

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1 holding a coyote-killing contest consists of a person  
2 knowingly:

3 (1) planning, organizing or enticing a person  
4 to participate in a coyote-killing contest; or

5 (2) providing the venue for a coyote-killing  
6 contest.

7 D. Participation in a coyote-killing contest  
8 consists of a person knowingly taking part in a coyote-killing  
9 contest.

10 E. A person who organizes, causes, sponsors,  
11 arranges or holds a coyote-killing contest is guilty of a  
12 misdemeanor.

13 F. A person who participates in a coyote-killing  
14 contest is guilty of a petty misdemeanor.

15 G. Nothing in this section shall be construed to  
16 prohibit a person from protecting a person or property, unless  
17 otherwise prohibited by law."

18 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the  
19 provisions of this act is July 1, 2017.