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SENATE BILL 383

54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019

INTRODUCED BY

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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

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1 game fish and to change such open seasons from year to year and
2 to fix different seasons for different parts of the state;

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

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

9 E. prescribe the manner, methods and devices
10 [~~which~~] that may be used in hunting, taking or killing game
11 animals, game birds and game fish;

12 F. prescribe rules [~~and regulations~~] to prohibit
13 any vehicle or vehicles used in transporting persons engaged in
14 hunting, taking or killing game animals, game birds and game
15 fish from leaving established roadways;

16 G. prescribe rules that embody the principles of
17 fair chase, which rules may include prohibitions on the use of
18 certain technologies for hunting or fishing or may include
19 withholding from the public specific wildlife location data
20 that is collected by the department of game and fish or its
21 contractors; and

22 [~~G.~~] H. appoint one or more advisory committees to
23 furnish advice, evaluations and recommendations for wildlife
24 management projects utilizing revenue derived from the sale of
25 public land management stamps. The advisory committees shall

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1 be created pursuant to the procedures of Section 9-1-9 NMSA
2 1978, provided that the restrictions on the life of advisory
3 committees contained in Subsection F of that section shall not
4 [~~be applicable~~] apply."

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