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AN ACT

RELATING TO OUTDOOR RECREATION; CREATING YOUTH PROGRAMS TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND FISH; PROVIDING THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A PERSON WHO MAKES A PURCHASE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND FISH TO MAKE A DONATION TO HELP SUPPORT THE YOUTH PROGRAMS.

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

SECTION 1. A new section of Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 is enacted to read:

"YOUTH PROGRAMS--DONATIONS.--

A. As used in this section, "youth" means a person under the age of eighteen who resides in New Mexico.

B. The director of the department of game and fish shall provide for youth programs in each of the five state game commission districts pursuant to Section 17-1-2 NMSA 1978. The programs shall be open to all youth and provide both educational and entertaining experiences. The director shall coordinate the program locations to provide the greatest breadth of access to New Mexico's youth.

C. The director of the department of game and fish shall provide the opportunity for a person who makes a purchase from the department of game and fish to donate money to the youth programs by rounding up the dollar amount or donating a custom amount. All such donations shall be

1 deposited in the game protection fund to be used for the
2 provision of these youth programs."

3 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
4 provisions of this act is July 1, 2023. _____

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