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46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2004

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AN ACT

RELATING TO TRESPASS; REQUIRING A PERSON TO HAVE WRITTEN

PERMISSION TO HUNT OR FISH ON PRIVATE PROPERTY THAT IS POSTED;

PROVIDING FOR CONFISCATION OF GAME.

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

Section 1. Section 17-2-7 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1931, Chapter 117, Section 8, as amended) is amended to read:

"17-2-7. UNLAWFUL HUNTING OR FISHING. --

A. Except as permitted by [regulations] rules adopted by the state game commission or as otherwise allowed by law, it is unlawful to:

- (1) hunt, take, capture, kill or attempt to take, capture or kill, at any time or in any manner, any game animal, game bird or game fish in the state; [or]
- (2) possess, offer for sale, sell, offer to . 149152.1

purchase or purchase in the state all or any part of any game animal, game bird or game fish; or

- (3) hunt, take, capture, kill or attempt to take, capture or kill, at any time or in any manner, any game animal, game bird or game fish in the state on private property without written permission of the owner or person in control of the property if the property has been posted pursuant to Section 30-14-1 NMSA 1978. Any game animal, game bird or game fish taken, captured or killed on posted private property without written permission shall be confiscated. A person who has in his possession a valid landowner permit is considered to have written permission from the landowner.
- B. Notwithstanding any other law, the owner of domestic livestock in this state or his regular employee may hunt, take, capture or kill any cougar or bear [which] that has killed domestic livestock. The owner of livestock or his regular employee who takes action under this provision [will] shall report this action to the department of game and fish, [who will] which shall verify the necessity of the action taken.
- C. Violation of this section is a misdemeanor and shall be punished as provided in Section 17-2-10 NMSA 1978.
- D. The provisions of this section shall not be deemed to prohibit the possession of game animals, birds or fish taken legally in any other jurisdiction."

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