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SENATE BILL 157

47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2006

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO GAME AND FISH; PROHIBITING COMPUTER-ASSISTED REMOTE HUNTING OF ANIMALS OR BIRDS; PROVIDING PENALTIES.

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

Section 1. A new section of Chapter 17, Article 3 NMSA 1978 is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] COMPUTER-ASSISTED REMOTE HUNTING PROHIBITED--PENALTIES.--

A. A person shall not:

- (1) engage in computer-assisted remote hunting;
- (2) provide or operate facilities for the purpose of computer-assisted remote hunting;
- (3) create, maintain, provide, advertise or sell computer software or an internet web site for the purpose

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1 of computer-assisted remote hunting;

2 (4) entice, possess or confine an animal or
3 bird for the purpose of computer-assisted remote hunting; or

4 (5) import into or export from this state an
5 animal or bird, or any part of an animal or bird, that is taken
6 or captured by computer-assisted remote hunting.

7 B. A person who violates the provisions of this
8 section shall be sentenced in accordance with the provisions of
9 Section 17-2-10 NMSA 1978.

10 C. When a person who violates the provisions of
11 this section possesses a license, certificate or permit issued
12 by the state game commission, the license, certificate or
13 permit shall be subject to revocation by the commission
14 pursuant to Sections 17-1-14 and 17-3-34 NMSA 1978.

15 D. As used in this section:

16 (1) "computer-assisted remote hunting" means
17 the use of a computer or other electronic device, equipment or
18 software to access the internet and remotely control the aiming
19 and discharge of a bow, crossbow or firearm of any kind for the
20 purpose of hunting, taking or capturing an animal or bird; and

21 (2) "facilities for computer-assisted remote
22 hunting" means the real property and improvements on the
23 property associated with computer-assisted remote hunting,
24 including hunting blinds, offices and rooms equipped to
25 facilitate computer-assisted remote hunting."

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1 Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
2 provisions of this act is July 1, 2006.

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