

AN ACT

RELATING TO WILDLIFE; PROVIDING FOR ENHANCEMENT AUTHORIZATION PACKAGES TO FINANCE HABITAT ENHANCEMENT, CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION.

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:

"ENHANCEMENT AUTHORIZATION PACKAGES--HABITAT ENHANCEMENT.--The state game commission shall adopt rules for the department of game and fish to issue enhancement authorization packages each license year for the taking of one each of elk, deer, oryx, ibex and pronghorn antelope. Each enhancement authorization package shall be auctioned by the department of game and fish or by an incorporated nonprofit organization dedicated to the conservation of wildlife and sold to the highest bidder. Money collected from the enhancement authorization packages shall be deposited in the game protection fund and shall be used exclusively for big game habitat enhancement, conservation and protection."