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SENATE BILL 33

**50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2012**

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO GAME AND FISH; AMENDING A SECTION OF THE NMSA 1978  
TO AUTHORIZE TWO ADDITIONAL BIGHORN SHEEP ENHANCEMENT PERMITS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 17-3-16.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1989,  
Chapter 384, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

"17-3-16.1. BIGHORN SHEEP ENHANCEMENT PERMITS--ISSUANCE--  
USE.--

A. The state game commission shall direct the  
department of game and fish to authorize not more than [~~two~~  
four] of the permits available for issuance in the license year  
for the taking of [~~two~~] four bighorn rams for the purpose of  
raising funds for programs and projects to benefit bighorn  
sheep.

B. The state game commission shall prescribe by  
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1 regulation the form, design and manner of issuance of the  
2 bighorn sheep enhancement permits. The issuance of [~~one~~  
3 ~~permit~~] two permits shall be subject to auction by the  
4 department or by an incorporated nonprofit organization  
5 dedicated to conservation of wildlife, as determined by the  
6 commission, and shall be sold to the highest bidder. The  
7 issuance of the other [~~permit~~] two permits shall be subject to  
8 a lottery by the department or by an incorporated nonprofit  
9 organization dedicated to conservation of wildlife, as  
10 determined by the commission.

11 C. All money collected from the issuance and sale  
12 of the bighorn sheep enhancement permits shall be credited to  
13 the game protection fund to be used exclusively for bighorn  
14 sheep preservation, restoration and management."

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