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Introduced by Representative Bissonnette of Winooski

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Fish and wildlife; hunting; coyote-hunting competitions

Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to prohibit a person from holding or participating in a coyote-hunting competition.

An act relating to coyote-hunting competitions

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 4716 is added to read:

§ 4716. COYOTE-HUNTING COMPETITIONS; PROHIBITION

(a) As used in this section, “coyote-hunting competition” means a contest in which people compete in the capturing or taking of coyotes for a prize or recognition based on the size, accrued weight, quality, or number of animals taken.

(b) A person shall not hold a coyote-hunting competition in the State.

(c) A person shall not participate in a coyote-hunting competition in the State.

1 Sec. 2. 10 V.S.A. § 4502(b) is amended to read:

2 (b) A person violating provisions of this part shall receive points for  
3 convictions in accordance with the following schedule (all sections are in this  
4 title of the Vermont Statutes Annotated):

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6 (3) Twenty points shall be assessed for:

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8 (CC) § 4716. Holding or participating in a coyote-hunting  
9 competition.

10 Sec. 3. 10 V.S.A. § 4518 is amended to read:

11 § 4518. BIG GAME VIOLATIONS; THREATENED AND ENDANGERED  
12 SPECIES; COYOTE-HUNTING COMPETITION VIOLATIONS;  
13 SUSPENSION; VIOLATIONS

14 Whoever violates a provision of this part or orders or rules of the Board  
15 relating to taking, possessing, transporting, buying, or selling of big game;  
16 relating to holding or participating in a coyote-hunting competition; or relating  
17 to threatened or endangered species shall be fined not more than \$1,000.00 nor  
18 less than \$400.00 or imprisoned for not more than 60 days, or both. Upon a  
19 second and all subsequent convictions or any conviction while under license  
20 suspension related to the requirements of part 4 of this title, the violator shall

1 be fined not more than \$4,000.00 nor less than \$2,000.00 or imprisoned for not  
2 more than 60 days, or both.

3 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

4 This act shall take effect on passage.