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Introduced by
Senator Farnsworth

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 17-253, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO THE ARIZONA
GAME AND FISH COMMISSION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 17-253, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 17-253. Mexican gray wolf; memorandum of understanding;
5 reporting

6 A. The commission shall attempt to enter into a memorandum of
7 understanding with the United States fish and wildlife service regarding
8 the endangered species act and the release, translocation and
9 cross-fostering of Mexican gray wolves prior to any release, translocation
10 or cross-fostering in this state. The memorandum of understanding shall
11 specify that a Mexican gray wolf release, translocation or cross-fostering
12 may not occur:

13 1. Within three miles of state trust land or private property.

14 2. Without a full DNA profile on each Mexican gray wolf that is
15 released, translocated or cross-fostered.

16 B. The department shall report to the commission at every
17 commission meeting the following information:

18 1. Any known death of a Mexican gray wolf in this state and, if
19 known, the reason for the death.

20 2. The number of Mexican gray wolves that are supplemented with
21 feed in this state and the cost of the supplementation.

22 3. The number of Mexican gray wolves that are captured in this
23 state by the department or a federal agency partnering with the
24 department, the reason for the capture and the full DNA profile on each
25 Mexican gray wolf captured.

26 4. The location of all collared Mexican gray wolves in this state.

27 5. All human and domestic animal incidents in this state that
28 involve a Mexican gray wolf.

29 C. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, THE COMMISSION MAY NOT DO EITHER
30 OF THE FOLLOWING:

31 1. TRANSPORT MEXICAN GRAY WOLF PUPPIES INTO THE BOUNDARIES OF THIS
32 STATE.

33 2. SPEND PUBLIC MONIES OR USE PUBLIC RESOURCES FOR THE
34 TRANSPORTATION OF MEXICAN GRAY WOLF PUPPIES INTO THE BOUNDARIES OF THIS
35 STATE.