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Mexican wolves; landowner permits; rules

State of Arizona  
House of Representatives  
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# HOUSE BILL 2159

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 17, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY  
ADDING SECTION 17-321; RELATING TO THE TAKING OF WILDLIFE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Title 17, chapter 3, article 1, Arizona Revised  
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 17-321, to read:

4 17-321. Private lands; taking of Mexican wolves; landowner  
5 permits; rules

6 A. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE TO A LANDOWNER A LANDOWNER PERMIT FOR  
7 THE TAKING OF MEXICAN WOLVES ON THE FOLLOWING:

8 1. THE LANDOWNER'S PRIVATE LAND.

9 2. PUBLIC LANDS AS DEFINED IN SECTION 37-901 AND STATE TRUST LANDS  
10 THAT ARE LEASED TO THE LANDOWNER FOR GRAZING PURPOSES. THE DEPARTMENT MAY  
11 ISSUE THE PERMIT ONLY TO A LESSEE THAT OWNS PRIVATE LAND IN THIS STATE.

12 B. THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT RULES TO ESTABLISH A VOLUNTARY AND  
13 COMPENSATED INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR THE HUMANE AND NON-LETHAL TRAPPING OF  
14 MEXICAN WOLVES THAT WOULD OTHERWISE BE TAKEN PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

15 C. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE A LANDOWNER PERMIT IF THE COMMISSION  
16 DETERMINES THAT THE PERMIT IS NECESSARY TO REDUCE CONFLICTS BETWEEN  
17 MEXICAN WOLVES AND HUMANS AND BETWEEN MEXICAN WOLVES AND PROPERTY AND TO  
18 PROVIDE SPORT HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES CONSISTENT WITH RULES ADOPTED BY THE  
19 DEPARTMENT.