

B-Engrossed
Senate Bill 723

Ordered by the Senate May 29
Including Senate Amendments dated April 26 and May 29

Sponsored by Senators DEMBROW, GOLDEN; Representatives KENY-GUYER, NERON, NOSSE

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Prohibits person from conducting or participating in contest, competition, tournament or derby that has objective of taking coyotes for prizes [*or other inducement*]. Punishes violation of prohibition by maximum fine of \$2,000. Provides that person that injures or kills coyote in violation of Act forfeits remains of coyote to State Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to unlawful takings of wildlife; and declaring an emergency.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2019 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 498.

SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section, "person" means an individual, partnership, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, corporation, professional corporation, nonprofit corporation, cooperative, limited liability company, business trust, joint venture, incorporated or unincorporated association or other business organization or entity.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person may not conduct or participate in a contest, competition, tournament or derby in this state that has the objective of taking coyotes for prizes.

(3) A violation of subsection (2) of this section is a Class A violation.

(4) A person that injures or kills a coyote in violation of subsection (2) of this section shall forfeit the remains of the coyote to the State Department of Fish and Wildlife and the remains become the property of the department.

SECTION 3. This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect on its passage.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.