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 or other inducement.

(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.