
HOUSE BILL 1282

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By Representatives Fuhrman, Mastin, Buck, Goldsmith, Koster, Padden, Mulliken, Lambert, Crouse, Thompson, Basich, Hargrove, Sheldon, McMahan, Pelesky, Sheahan, Boldt and Elliot

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1 AN ACT Relating to certain animals posing a danger to livestock or
2 crops; adding a new section to chapter 77.32 RCW; and creating a new
3 section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that coyotes pose a
6 danger to livestock and that Columbian ground squirrels destroy
7 alfalfa, grain, and other agricultural crops. While recognizing that
8 the department of fish and wildlife has a procedure for removal of wild
9 animals which damage crops or domestic animals, the legislature finds
10 that a more expedient means of removal is needed for coyotes and
11 Columbian ground squirrels.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 77.32 RCW
13 to read as follows:

14 A landowner, a landowner's lessee, and guests of the landowner or
15 lessee may kill coyotes (*Canis latrans*) and Columbian ground squirrels
16 (*Citellus columbianus*) on the landowner's property without the license

1 required by RCW 77.32.010 and without going through the procedure
2 established in RCW 77.12.265.

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