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Overview

This bill amends DNR enforcement provisions and penalties related to illegally taking trophy animals.

Section

- 1 Prosecuting authority.** Provides that the county attorney is the prosecuting authority for certain game and fish violations such as wetlands, aquatic plant management, water appropriation, and other environment related violation, and includes associated civil actions.
- 2 Misdemeanor penalty.** Provides that the default penalty for a violation of the game and fish laws is a misdemeanor, and strikes the limitations in current law. (Note: the current default penalty for prohibited acts in chapter 645 was changed to a petty misdemeanor.)
- 3 Gross overlimits of wild animals; penalties.** Creates a gross misdemeanor penalty when a person takes, possesses, or transports two or more trophy animals illegally.
- 4 License revocation.** Raises the license prohibition from five to ten years after a conviction for unlawfully taking trophy animals under section 3.