

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 159
 2 INTRODUCED BY J. KASSMIER
 3 BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK
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5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO THE LIVESTOCK
 6 CRIMESTOPPERS ACT; REPEALING THE LIVESTOCK CRIMESTOPPERS COMMISSION; REMANDING
 7 THE LIVESTOCK CRIMESTOPPERS COMMISSION DUTIES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK;
 8 AMENDING SECTIONS 81-6-302 AND 81-6-313, MCA; AND REPEALING SECTIONS 2-15-3104, 81-6-311,
 9 AND 81-6-312, MCA."

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 11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
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13 **Section 1.** Section 81-6-302, MCA, is amended to read:

14 **"81-6-302. Definitions.** As used in this part, the following definitions apply:

15 ~~(1) "Commission" means the livestock crimestoppers commission created in 2-15-3104.~~

16 ~~(2)(1)~~ "Department" means the department of livestock created in Title 2, chapter 15, part 31.

17 ~~(3)(2)~~ "Livestock" includes ostriches, rheas, and emus in addition to other livestock.

18 ~~(4)(3)~~ "Program" means the livestock crimestoppers program created under 81-6-313."
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20 **Section 2.** Section 81-6-313, MCA, is amended to read:

21 **"81-6-313. Powers and duties of department -- rules.** (1) The department ~~shall~~ may:

22 (a) create, maintain, and promote a statewide livestock crimestoppers program in order to assist
 23 law enforcement agencies in detecting and combating livestock-related crimes; ~~and~~

24 ~~(b) consider the commission's recommendations and take action on them.~~

25 ~~(2) The department may:~~

26 ~~(a)(b)~~ advise and assist in the creation and maintenance of local programs;

27 ~~(b)(c)~~ encourage the channeling of information from the programs to law enforcement agencies;

28 ~~(e)(d)~~ foster the detection of livestock-related crimes by the public;

