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H. R. 2695

To amend the Agricultural Act of 2014 to provide emergency relief to producers of livestock with herds adversely affected by Mexican gray wolves, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 18, 2023

Mr. STANTON (for himself, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. VASQUEZ, and Mr. PFLUGER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Wolf and Livestock
5 Fairness Act” or the “WOLF Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. LIVESTOCK INDEMNITY PAYMENT RATES.**

7 Section 1501(b)(2) of the Agricultural Act of 2014
8 (7 U.S.C. 9081(b)(2)) is amended by striking “75” and
9 inserting “100”.

1 **SEC. 3. EMERGENCY RELIEF TO MITIGATE EFFECT OF**
2 **MEXICAN GRAY WOLVES.**

3 Section 1501(d) of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (7
4 U.S.C. 9081(d)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing:

6 “(5) EMERGENCY RELIEF TO MITIGATE EFFECT
7 OF MEXICAN GRAY WOLVES.—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each fiscal year, the
9 Secretary shall use funds made available under
10 paragraph (1) to provide emergency relief to
11 producers of livestock with herds adversely af-
12 fected by Mexican gray wolves, as determined
13 by the Secretary.

14 “(B) FORMULA.—Not later than 180 days
15 after the date of enactment of this paragraph,
16 the Secretary shall develop a formula to deter-
17 mine the amount of emergency relief to provide
18 to a producer of livestock under subparagraph
19 (A), which shall take into consideration the fol-
20 lowing factors:

21 “(i) The herd size of the producer.

22 “(ii) The average annual number of
23 confirmed depredations by Mexican gray
24 wolves per producer in the State in which
25 the producer is located.

1 “(iii) The average annual increase in
2 management costs for producers due to
3 Mexican gray wolves during the preceding
4 5 years in the State in which the producer
5 is located.

6 “(iv) The average annual decrease in
7 birth rates of herds of producers due to
8 Mexican gray wolves during the preceding
9 5 years in the State in which the producer
10 is located.

11 “(v) The depredation prevention prac-
12 tices carried out by the producer, if any, as
13 reported through the wolf compensation
14 and prevention program established by sec-
15 tion 6202 of the Omnibus Public Land
16 Management Act of 2009 (7 U.S.C. 8351
17 note).

18 “(C) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out
19 this paragraph, the Secretary shall consult with,
20 and request information from, as necessary, the
21 Administrator of the Farm Service Agency of
22 the Department of Agriculture, the Adminis-
23 trator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspec-
24 tion Service of the Department of Agriculture,

1 and the Director of the United States Fish and
2 Wildlife Service.

3 “(D) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than 1
4 year after the date on which emergency relief is
5 first provided under this paragraph, and annu-
6 ally thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to
7 the Committee on Agriculture of the House of
8 Representatives and the Committee on Agri-
9 culture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate
10 a report on activities carried out under this
11 paragraph, which shall include an identification
12 of the following:

13 “(i) The amount of emergency relief
14 distributed to producers under this para-
15 graph.

16 “(ii) The number of producers receiv-
17 ing emergency relief under this para-
18 graph.”.

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