

ENROLLED ACT NO. 52, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2016 BUDGET SESSION

AN ACT relating to agriculture; creating a gray wolf depredation compensation program; imposing additional duties on the department of agriculture; authorizing rulemaking; providing for termination of the program as specified; requiring a report upon termination; providing an appropriation; and providing for effective dates.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law and except as otherwise provided in subsection (d) of this section, for the period beginning with the effective date of this act and ending June 30, 2018, the department of agriculture shall administer a program to compensate landowners, lessees or their agents whose livestock as defined in W.S. 23-1-102(a)(xvi) is damaged by a gray wolf in an area of the state where gray wolves are classified as a predatory animal.

(b) The department may employ or contract personnel to assist in administering and investigating claims for damages.

(c) The department shall promulgate necessary rules and regulations to carry out the purposes of this act.

(d) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, the program authorized under this section shall terminate on the date gray wolves are removed from the list of experimental nonessential population, endangered species or threatened species in Wyoming. The department of agriculture shall report the termination of the program pursuant to this subsection to the joint agriculture,

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public lands and water resources interim committee and the joint travel, recreation, wildlife and cultural resources interim committee no later than fifteen (15) days after the termination of the program.

Section 2. The department of agriculture shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement this act by July 1, 2016.

Section 3. There is appropriated sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00) from the general fund to the department of agriculture. This appropriation shall only be expended for the purpose of administering the program and funding damage payments pursuant to this act. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30, 2018.

Section 4.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this act is effective July 1, 2016.

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(b) Section 2 of this act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk