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SENATE BILL 1083

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 17-492 AND 17-493, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO
THE LIVESTOCK LOSS BOARD.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 17-492, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 17-492. Powers and duties; definition

5 A. The livestock loss board shall:

6 1. Establish and implement procedures to compensate landowners,
7 lessees or livestock operators for wolf depredation on livestock.

8 2. Establish requirements for landowners, lessees and livestock
9 operators to report and demonstrate wolf depredation on livestock.

10 3. Establish eligibility and application requirements to receive
11 compensation for wolf depredation on livestock.

12 4. Determine the compensation rate for each livestock animal
13 depredated by wolves.

14 5. Research and develop measures to prevent wolf depredation on
15 livestock.

16 6. Establish procedures for landowners, lessees or livestock
17 operators to appeal decisions of the livestock loss board.

18 B. The livestock loss board may:

19 1. Compensate landowners, lessees or livestock operators for wolf
20 depredation on livestock.

21 2. COMPENSATE LANDOWNERS, LESSEES OR LIVESTOCK OPERATORS FOR
22 IMPLEMENTING AVOIDANCE MEASURES TO PREVENT WOLF DEPREDATION ON LIVESTOCK.

23 ~~2.~~ 3. Implement a pay-for-presence program that provides
24 compensation for the landowners, lessees and livestock operators who allow
25 wolves to be present on private property owned or leased by the landowner,
26 lessee or livestock operator and accept potential wolf depredation on
27 livestock. A pay-for-presence program may not provide compensation for
28 the presence of wolves on public lands.

29 ~~3.~~ 4. Coordinate with the department in an investigation of wolf
30 depredation on livestock and any corrective measures taken pursuant to
31 section 17-239.

32 ~~4.~~ 5. Coordinate with state and federal wildlife agencies to
33 verify wolf depredation on livestock.

34 ~~5.~~ 6. Collaborate with federal farm services agencies in this
35 state to promote livestock compensation programs.

36 ~~6.~~ 7. Adopt rules pursuant to title 41, chapter 6 as necessary to
37 administer and enforce this section.

38 C. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "AVOIDANCE MEASURES" MEANS
39 NONLETHAL ACTIONS TAKEN OR EDUCATION PROVIDED BY LIVESTOCK OWNERS TO
40 REDUCE THE LIKELIHOOD OF LIVESTOCK DEPREDATION.

41 Sec. 2. Section 17-493, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
42 read:

43 17-493. Livestock compensation fund; exemption; definition

44 A. The livestock compensation fund is established consisting of
45 federal monies, legislative appropriations from the state general fund,

1 public and private grants and private donations received for the purpose
2 of compensating landowners, lessees and livestock operators for THE
3 FOLLOWING:

4 1. Wolf depredation on livestock. ~~Monies in the livestock~~
5 ~~compensation fund may also be used to compensate landowners, lessees and~~
6 ~~livestock operators for participation~~

7 2. PARTICIPATING in a pay-for-presence program implemented by the
8 livestock loss board pursuant to section 17-492.

9 3. IMPLEMENTING AVOIDANCE MEASURES TO PREVENT WOLF DEPREDATION ON
10 LIVESTOCK.

11 B. The livestock loss board shall administer the livestock
12 compensation fund. Monies in the fund are continuously appropriated. The
13 livestock loss board may accept and spend federal monies, public and
14 private grants, gifts, contributions and devises to assist in carrying out
15 the purposes of this article. These monies do not revert to the state
16 general fund at the end of a fiscal year. Monies in the fund shall be
17 used to supplement, not supplant, monies otherwise appropriated to the
18 department.

19 C. Monies in the livestock compensation fund are exempt from the
20 provisions of section 35-190 relating to lapsing of appropriations.

21 D. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "AVOIDANCE MEASURES" HAS THE
22 SAME MEANING PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 17-492.