

HOUSE BILL NO. 395

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE LIVESTOCK LOSS BOARD; REDUCING BOARD MEMBERSHIP; CHANGING MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS; AND AMENDING SECTION 2-15-3110, MCA."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 2-15-3110, MCA, is amended to read:

"2-15-3110. Livestock loss board -- purpose, membership, and qualifications. (1) There is a livestock loss board. The purpose of the board is to administer the programs called for in the Montana gray wolf management plan and established in 2-15-3111 through 2-15-3113, with funds provided through the accounts established in 81-1-110, in order to minimize losses caused by wolves to livestock producers and to reimburse livestock producers for livestock losses from wolf predation.

(2) The board consists of ~~seven~~ five members, appointed by the governor, as follows:

(a) ~~three members from a list of names recommended by the board of livestock~~ WHO ARE actively involved in the livestock industry AND WHO HAVE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE WITH REGARD TO WILDLIFE IMPACTS OR MANAGEMENT; and

~~(b) three members from a list of names recommended by the fish, wildlife, and parks commission; and~~

~~(c) one member~~ two members of the general public WHO ARE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN WILDLIFE CONSERVATION OR WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AND WHO HAVE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE WITH REGARD TO LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION OR MANAGEMENT.

~~(3) Each board member must have knowledge of or have experience in at least one of the following:~~

~~(a) the raising of livestock in Montana;~~

~~(b) livestock marketing, valuations, sales, or breeding associations;~~

~~(c) the interaction of wolves with livestock and livestock mortality caused by wolves;~~

~~(d) wildlife conservation;~~

~~(e) administration; and~~

~~(f) fundraising.~~

