

ENROLLED ACT NO. 55, SENATE

SIXTIETH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2009 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to livestock; providing for a livestock health and emergency disease response program; authorizing positions; funding contract services; providing appropriations; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 11-18-103(a)(v), (vi), (vii) and by creating new paragraphs (viii) and (ix) is amended to read:

11-18-103. Livestock board; powers generally.

(a) In addition to powers and duties hereinafter provided, the Wyoming livestock board shall:

(v) Promulgate and enforce rules, regulations and orders it deems necessary for the importation of domestic animals, excluding those animals covered in W.S. 23-3-301(a), recording and inspection of livestock brands, inspection, testing, brucellosis vaccination or quarantining of any livestock including brucellosis vaccination requirements for resident cattle and cattle imported into Wyoming and to develop a livestock health and emergency disease response program, including prevention, surveillance and investigation of livestock diseases through naturally occurring events or acts of agroterrorism. "Agroterrorism" for the purpose of this section means an intentional release of a biological or chemical agent that causes disease to livestock or crops or renders the food products of livestock or crops unsafe for human consumption;

(vi) Exercise the power and authority conferred upon it by this act, either directly or through its agency; and

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(vii) Designate an agency to act as its representative as provided by W.S. 11-20-201, recorded in its minutes, and transmit the name of the agency to the auditor and treasurer of Wyoming;;

(viii) Develop a comprehensive livestock health and emergency disease response program for reportable diseases as identified in W.S. 11-19-102;

(ix) Promote the prevention, surveillance, investigation and elimination of diseases of concern and the protection of the overall health of Wyoming livestock by maintaining science based import regulations and quarantines and providing instruction to the ports of entry, veterinarians and law enforcement.

Section 2.

(a) There is appropriated one hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$160,000.00) from the general fund to the Wyoming livestock board as follows:

(i) One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) for one (1) full-time position for a field veterinary medical officer for salary and benefits. This position is to assist the state veterinarian in animal trace back, risk assessment, epidemiology, affected area owners and science based decisions;

(ii) Forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000.00) for a contractor to develop a comprehensive technology plan and business analysis needed to assess and deploy a state-wide electronic system for ownership verification for the livestock brand program and the essential disease trace

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back and ownership for the livestock health and emergency disease response program that:

(A) Includes integration and interfaces with new and existing databases, programs and applications;

(B) Ensures system and data security and integrity;

(C) Defines initial and on-going training and information technology maintenance resources; and

(D) Is designed for user friendliness as well as accurate and efficient reporting.

(iii) Fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) for the vehicle, field office support and expenses for the additional positions authorized in this act.

(b) The appropriations under subsection (a) of this section shall be for the period beginning with the effective date of this act and ending June 30, 2010. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, these appropriations shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from these appropriations shall revert as provided by law on June 30, 2010.

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Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2009.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

Chief Clerk