

SENATE FILE NO. SF0032

Wyoming livestock health and emergency disease program.

Sponsored by: Joint Agriculture, State and Public Lands
and Water Resources Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to livestock; providing for a livestock
2 health and emergency disease response program; authorizing
3 positions; providing appropriations; and providing for an
4 effective date.

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

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

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

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

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1 (v) Promulgate and enforce rules, regulations
2 and orders it deems necessary for the importation of
3 domestic animals, excluding those animals covered in W.S.
4 23-3-301(a), recording and inspection of livestock brands,
5 inspection, testing, brucellosis vaccination or
6 quarantining of any livestock including brucellosis
7 vaccination requirements for resident cattle and cattle
8 imported into Wyoming and to develop, implement and
9 maintain a livestock health and emergency disease response
10 program, including prevention, surveillance and
11 investigation of livestock diseases through naturally
12 occurring events or acts of agroterrorism. "Agroterrorism"
13 for the purpose of this section means an intentional
14 release of a biological or chemical agent that causes
15 disease to livestock or crops or renders the food products
16 of livestock or crops unsafe for human consumption;

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18 (vi) Exercise the power and authority conferred
19 upon it by this act, either directly or through its agency;
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22 (vii) Designate an agency to act as its
23 representative as provided by W.S. 11-20-201, recorded in

1 its minutes, and transmit the name of the agency to the
2 auditor and treasurer of Wyoming;

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

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

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15 **Section 2.**

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17 (a) There is appropriated nine hundred twenty
18 thousand dollars (\$920,000.00) from the general fund to the
19 Wyoming livestock board as follows:

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21 (i) Four hundred twenty thousand dollars
22 (\$420,000.00) for three (3) full-time positions for field
23 veterinary medical officers at one hundred forty thousand
24 dollars (\$140,000.00) each for salary and benefits. These

1 positions are to assist the state veterinarian in animal
2 trace back, risk assessment, epidemiology, affected area
3 owners and science based decisions;

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5 (ii) Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) for the
6 vehicles, field office support and expenses for the
7 additional positions authorized in this act;

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9 (iii) One hundred eighty thousand dollars
10 (\$180,000.00) for salary and benefits as follows:

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12 (A) Ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000.00)
13 for one (1) additional full-time position for an
14 information technology specialist in Cheyenne to maintain
15 at least sixty (60) computers throughout the state for the
16 essential trace back and ownership for the livestock health
17 and emergency disease response program; and

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19 (B) Ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000.00)
20 for one (1) additional full-time position for a livestock
21 health administrative staff for the Riverton office to
22 assist the assistant state veterinarian, coordinate herd
23 plans and to provide field assistance to the assistant
24 state veterinarian.

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2 (iv) Twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00)
3 for the maintenance of the Riverton office to include space
4 rental, utilities and maintenance;

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6 (v) Two hundred forty-five thousand dollars
7 (\$245,000.00) for a livestock indemnity and emergency
8 reserve account. Spending from this account would require
9 full approval of the governor and state veterinarian before
10 being used.

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12 (b) The appropriations under subsection (a) of this
13 section shall be for the period beginning with the
14 effective date of this act and ending June 30, 2010. These
15 appropriations shall only be expended for the purpose of
16 developing and maintaining a livestock health and emergency
17 disease response program as set forth in this act.
18 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, these
19 appropriations shall not be transferred or expended for any
20 other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds
21 remaining from these appropriations shall revert as
22 provided by law on June 30, 2010.

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