

Bill No.: HB0097 **Effective:** Multiple dates, see below

LSO No.: 16LSO-0381

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0052

Chapter No.: 112

Prime Sponsor: Winters

Catch Title: Wolf depredation compensation.

Subject: Wolf depredation compensation program

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act requires the Department of Agriculture (Department) to administer a program to compensate landowners, lessees or their agents for certain livestock damaged by a gray wolf in an area of the state where gray wolves are classified as a predatory animal.
- The act authorizes the Department to employ or contract personnel to assist in administering and investigating claims for damages.
- The act specifies the program will terminate on the date gray wolves are removed from the list of experimental nonessential population, endangered species or threatened species in Wyoming or on June 30, 2018, whichever is earlier.
- The act requires the Department to promulgate rules and regulations necessary for the program.
- The act appropriates \$60,000 to the Department for the purposes of administering the program and funding damage payments.

Comments:

- Requires a report: The Department of Agriculture is required to report to the Joint Agriculture Interim Committee and the Joint Travel, Recreation, Wildlife and Cultural Resources Interim Committee no later than fifteen days after the termination of the program.
- Split effective dates: Section 2, requiring rule promulgation, is effective immediately; the remainder of the act is effective July 1, 2016.

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