



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 of the general public who are or have been 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.~~

~~(4)~~(3) The board is designated as a quasi-judicial board for the purposes of 2-15-124. Notwithstanding the provisions of 2-15-124(1), the governor is not required to appoint an attorney to serve as a member of the board.

~~(5)~~(4) The board is allocated to the department of livestock for administrative purposes only as provided in 2-15-121.

~~(6)~~(5) The board shall adopt rules to implement the provisions of 2-15-3110 through 2-15-3114 and 81-1-110 through 81-1-112."

- END -

I hereby certify that the within bill,
HB 0395, originated in the House.

Chief Clerk of the House

Speaker of the House

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2013.

President of the Senate

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2013.

HOUSE BILL NO. 395

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