

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 6206

A bill to amend 2012 PA 487, entitled  
"Wildlife depredations indemnification act,"  
by amending sections 2 and 3 (MCL 285.362 and 285.363).

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1       Sec. 2. As used in this act:

2       (a) "Commission" means the commission of agriculture and rural  
3 development.

4       (b) "Department" means the department of agriculture and rural  
5 development.

6       (c) "Livestock" means that term as it is defined in section 5  
7 3 of the animal industry act, 1988 PA 466, ~~MCL 287.705~~. **MCL 287.703.**

8       Sec. 3. (1) The department shall provide indemnification for  
9 the death, injury, or loss of livestock from wolves, coyotes, and  
10 cougars. Indemnification for missing animals shall only be paid if

1 there is a history of losses to the owner of livestock as evidenced  
2 by a prior payment by the department due to the death or injury of  
3 livestock from wolves.

4 (2) To be eligible for indemnification under subsection (1),  
5 the owner of livestock shall do all of the following:

6 (a) Report the incident to the department within 24 hours  
7 after the animal is discovered to be dead, injured, or missing.

8 (b) File a claim for indemnification with the department  
9 verifying the type and number of animals for which indemnification  
10 is sought. The verification may include photographs of the animals  
11 or tracks or other information that provides support for the claim.  
12 If the claim seeks indemnification for missing animals, a notarized  
13 statement from the owner specifying the date of birth of each  
14 missing animal and the date on which the animals were discovered  
15 missing, along with evidence of prior indemnification payments due  
16 to death or injury of livestock from wolves, is sufficient  
17 documentation that 1 or more animals are missing and eligible for  
18 indemnification.

19 (c) Upon request, provide the department of natural resources  
20 with access to the owner's property as necessary to conduct an  
21 investigation if the department of natural resources believes that  
22 an on-site visit will assist its investigation.

23 (d) Upon request, provide the department with documentation  
24 that the animals have official identification, if required under  
25 the animal industry act, 1988 PA 466, MCL 287.701 to

26 ~~287.746-287.747.~~

27 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days

1 after the date it is enacted into law.

2 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect  
3 unless House Bill No. 6205 of the 99th Legislature is enacted into  
4 law.