

HOUSE BILL No. 6206

June 12, 2018, Introduced by Reps. Howell, Lauwers, Victory, Vaupel, Alexander, Wentworth and Calley and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

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

1 cougars. Indemnification for missing animals shall only be paid if
2 there is a history of losses to the owner of livestock as evidenced
3 by a prior payment by the department due to the death or injury of
4 livestock from wolves.

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

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

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

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

24 (d) Upon request, provide the department with documentation
25 that the animals have official identification, if required under
26 the animal industry act, 1988 PA 466, MCL 287.701 to
27 ~~287.746-287.745.~~

1 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
2 after the date it is enacted into law.

3 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect
4 unless Senate Bill No. _____ or House Bill No. 6205 (request no.
5 04193'17) of the 99th Legislature is enacted into law.