

28 Section 1. Section 23-24-2 is enacted to read:

29 CHAPTER 24. WILDLIFE DAMAGE ACT

30 **23-24-2. Livestock depredation.**

31 (1) As used in this section:

32 (a) "Depredation" means an act causing damage or death.

33 (b) "Director" means the director of the Division of Wildlife Resources.

34 (c) "Division" means the Division of Wildlife Resources.

35 (d) "Livestock" means cattle, sheep, goats, ~~H~~→ horses, ←~~H~~ or turkeys.

36 (e) "Predator" means a mountain lion or bear.

37 (f) "Wildlife Board" means the board created in Section 23-14-2.

38 (g) "Wildlife Services Program" means a program of the United States Department of
39 Agriculture that helps resolve conflicts with wildlife to protect agriculture, other property, and
40 natural resources, and to safeguard human health and safety.

41 (h) "Wildlife specialist" means a United States Department of Agriculture, Wildlife
42 Services specialist.

43 (2) If a predator harasses, chases, disturbs, harms, attacks, or kills livestock, within 96
44 hours of the act:

45 (a) in a depredation case, the livestock owner, an immediate family member, or an
46 employee of the owner on a regular payroll and not specifically hired to take a predator, may
47 take predators subject to the requirements of this section;

48 (b) a landowner or livestock owner may notify the division of the depredation or
49 human health and safety concerns, who may authorize a local hunter to take the offending
50 predator or notify a wildlife specialist; or

51 (c) the livestock owner may notify a wildlife specialist of the depredation who may
52 take the depredating predator.

53 (3) A depredating predator may be taken at any time by a wildlife specialist, supervised
54 by the Wildlife Services Program, while acting in the performance of the wildlife specialist's
55 assigned duties and in accordance with procedures approved by the division.

56 (4) (a) A depredating predator may be taken by an individual authorized in Subsection
57 (2)(a):

58 (i) with a weapon authorized by the division, pursuant to rules made by the Wildlife