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Mr. Speaker,

The Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Committee reports a favorable recommendation on **H.B. 291**, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD AMENDMENTS, by Representative R. P. Shipp, with the following amendments:

1. *Page 13, Line 369 through 381:*

369           4-31-102. Dead domestic animals -- Duty of owner to bury or otherwise dispose of  
370   them -- Liability for costs.  
371           (1) An owner or other person responsible for a domestic animal that dies shall {+  
-} **bury or** {+}  
372   dispose of the animal {~~in accordance with state and local law.~~} within a  
reasonable period of  
373   time after the owner or other person responsible for the animal becomes aware that the  
animal  
374   is dead.  
375           {+} **(2) The owner of a dead bovine, horse, mule, goat, sheep, bird, or  
swine may bury the**  
376   **dead animal on the owner's property.** {+  
377   —+} **(3) {+(2)}** If the owner or other person responsible for the dead animal  
cannot be found,  
378   the county, city, or town within which the dead animal is found, shall, at the political  
379   subdivision's expense, {+} **bury** {+~~dispose of~~} the dead animal.  
380           {+} **(4) {+(3)}** A county, city, or town that incurs expense under this  
section is entitled to  
381   reimbursement from the owner of the dead animal.

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2. Page 13, Line 394 through Page 14, Line 408:

394 4-31-107. Value determination before destruction.  
395 (1) Before any livestock or property that is not otherwise indemnified is destroyed  
396 under Section 4-31-106, [~~an appraisal of the fair market value of the livestock or other~~  
~~property~~  
397 ~~shall be forwarded to the commissioner by a panel of three qualified appraisers appointed~~  
~~as~~  
398 ~~follows:] the commissioner shall determine the value **of the livestock or other**  
**property** in consultation with the state veterinarian.  
399 [~~(a) one by the commissioner;~~  
  
400 [~~(b) one by the owner of the livestock or other property subject to condemnation;~~  
~~and]~~  
401 [~~(c) one by the appraisers specified in Subsections (1)(a) and (b).]~~  
402 (2) The commissioner shall make the value determination described in Subsection  
(1)  
403 based on available data from the United States Department of Agriculture or other  
reliable  
404 government sources.  
405 [~~(2)] (3) After review, the commissioner shall forward the [~~appraisal]~~ determined  
value  
406 **and an appraisal described in Subsection (4), if any,** to the board of examiners  
described in Subsection 63G-9-201(2) together with the  
407 commissioner's recommendation concerning the amount, if any, that should be {  
~~allowed~~} **reimbursed** .  
408 [~~(3) Any costs incurred in the appraisal shall be paid by the state.] **(4) An owner**  
**of livestock or other property subject to destruction may pay for an independent**  
**appraisal of the value of the livestock or other property, which appraisal the board**  
**of examiners shall consider in the board of examiner's recommendation described in**  
**Subsection (3).**~~~~~~

3. Page 15, Line 458 through Page 16, Line 465:

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- 458 (1) The department shall deny, suspend, or revoke a license to operate a domestic  
elk  
459 facility if the licensee or applicant:  
460 (a) fails, for two consecutive years, to:  
461 (i) meet inventory requirements as required by the department;
- 462 (ii) submit chronic wasting disease test samples for at least 90% of mortalities over  
12  
463 months old; ~~{and}~~ or  
464 (iii) notify the department that there are wild cervids inside a domestic elk farm or  
elk  
465 ranch;

Respectfully,

Walt Brooks  
Chair

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