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HOUSE BILL NO. 119

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MONTANA CATTLE COMMITTEE;
ESTABLISHING MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS; ESTABLISHING COMMITTEE DUTIES; PROVIDING FOR
A CATTLE ASSESSMENT; PROVIDING FOR A CATTLE ASSESSMENT REFERENDUM FOR CATTLE
SELLERS; CREATING A CATTLE SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT; PROVIDING A STATUTORY
APPROPRIATION; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; AMENDING
SECTIONS 2-18-103, 17-7-502, AND 81-1-102, MCA; PROVIDING FOR CONTINGENT VOIDNESS; AND
PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Montana cattle committee. (1) There is a Montana cattle committee.

(2) The committee consists of seven members.

(3) A list of nominees for appointment may be submitted to the governor by the Montana
stockgrowers association, the Montana cattlemen's association, the Montana association of livestock auction
markets, Montana cattlemen, the Montana beef council, the Montana farm bureau federation, and the
Montana farmers union. Names of nominees must be publicly submitted at least 90 days before the expiration
of a committee member's term.

(4) (a) Except as provided in subsection (4)(b), the appointed members serve staggered terms of 3
years. A member may not serve more than three consecutive 3-year terms.

(b) The initial appointments are as follows: two members for 1-year terms, two members for 2-year
terms, and three members for 3-year terms.

(5) The governor shall appoint members from the individuals nominated as provided in subsection
(3). If too few individuals are nominated to fill the available positions, the governor may appoint a Montana
resident who is a cattle producer, as defined in [section 3].

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1 including the election of officers.

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3 NEW SECTION. Section 6. Powers of committee. (1) The committee may:

4 (a) adopt rules and orders necessary for the administration of [sections 2 through 16] for the
5 exercise of its powers and the performance of its duties, in accordance with the Montana Administrative
6 Procedure Act;

7 (b) provide, through the department, for the enforcement of [sections 2 through 16];

8 (c) employ a person to serve as the executive director at the pleasure of the committee;

9 (d) retain additional staff to discharge the duties outlined in [sections 2 through 16];

10 (e) enter into contracts in the name of the committee to carry out the purposes of [sections 2
11 through 16];

12 (f) plan and conduct research programs to improve and benefit Montana's cattle industry;

13 (g) plan and conduct publicity and marketing promotion campaigns to increase the demand for
14 cattle and enter into publicity and sales promotion contracts and other agreements as necessary;

15 (h) cooperate with any local, ~~tribal, or state, or national organization or~~ agency engaged in similar
16 work or activities to carry out joint campaigns of research, education, product promotion, publicity, and
17 reciprocal enforcement of the ~~objections~~ OBJECTIVES of [sections 2 through 16];

18 (i) accept grants, donations, and gifts from any source for expenditure for any purpose consistent
19 with [sections 2 through 16], including a purpose specified as a condition of a grant, donation, or gift;

20 (j) establish and maintain the executive offices of the committee at any location in the state;

21 (k) authorize the purchase of equipment or supplies and incur all other reasonable and necessary
22 expenses and obligations required to carry out the provisions of [sections 2 through 16]; and

23 (l) become a member of and purchase membership in trade organizations and subscribe to and
24 purchase trade bulletins, journals, and other trade publications.

25 (2) The committee has final authority on the use and distribution of money from the cattle special
26 revenue account provided for in [section 10].

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