

AMENDMENTS TO LB 747

Introduced by Natural Resources.

1           1. Strike the original sections and insert the following  
2 new sections:

3           Section 1. Section 37-201, Revised Statutes Supplement,  
4 2009, is amended to read:

5           37-201 Sections 37-201 to 37-811 and section 3 of this  
6 act shall be known and may be cited as the Game Law.

7           Sec. 2. Section 37-559, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
8 Nebraska, is amended to read:

9           37-559 (1) Any farmer or rancher owning or operating a  
10 farm or ranch may destroy or have destroyed any predator preying  
11 on livestock or poultry or causing other agricultural depredation  
12 on land owned or controlled by him or her without a permit issued  
13 by the commission. For purposes of this subsection, predator means  
14 a badger, bobcat, coyote, gray fox, long-tailed weasel, mink,  
15 opossum, raccoon, red fox, or skunk.

16           (2) Any farmer or rancher owning or operating a farm or  
17 ranch, or his or her agent, may kill a mountain lion immediately  
18 without prior notice to or permission from the commission if he  
19 or she encounters a mountain lion and the mountain lion is in  
20 the process of stalking, killing, or consuming livestock on the  
21 farmer's or rancher's property. The farmer or rancher or his or her  
22 agent shall be responsible for immediately notifying the commission  
23 and arranging with the commission to transfer the mountain lion to

1 the commission.

2 (3) Any person shall be entitled to defend himself or  
3 herself or another person without penalty if, in the presence of  
4 such person, a mountain lion stalks, attacks, or shows unprovoked  
5 aggression toward such person or another person.

6 ~~(2)~~ (4) This section shall not be construed to allow  
7 ~~such a farmer or rancher or his or her agent~~ to destroy or have  
8 destroyed species which are protected by the provisions of sections  
9 37-314 and 37-501 to 37-503, the Nongame and Endangered Species  
10 Conservation Act or rules and regulations adopted and promulgated  
11 under the act, the federal Endangered Species Act of 1973, as  
12 amended, 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq., the federal Fish and Wildlife  
13 Coordination Act, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 661 et seq., the federal  
14 Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 668 et  
15 seq., the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act, as amended, 16 U.S.C.  
16 703 et seq., or rules and regulations adopted and promulgated  
17 pursuant to such provisions. federal regulations under such federal  
18 acts.

19 Sec. 3. (1) The commission may issue a permit for  
20 the killing of one or more mountain lions which are preying on  
21 livestock or poultry. The permit shall be valid for up to thirty  
22 days and shall require the commission to be notified immediately  
23 by the permitholder after the killing of a mountain lion and shall  
24 require the carcass to be transferred to the commission.

25 (2) To be eligible for a permit under this section, a  
26 farmer or rancher owning or operating a farm or ranch shall contact  
27 the commission to confirm that livestock or poultry on his or her

1 property or property under his or her control has been subject  
2 to depredation by a mountain lion. The commission shall confirm  
3 that the damage was caused by a mountain lion prior to issuing  
4 the permit. The farmer or rancher shall be allowed up to thirty  
5 days, as designated by the commission, to kill the mountain lion  
6 on such property and shall notify the commission immediately after  
7 the killing of a mountain lion and arrange with the commission to  
8 transfer the mountain lion to the commission.

9 (3) The commission may adopt and promulgate rules and  
10 regulations to carry out this section.

11 Sec. 4. Original section 37-559, Reissue Revised Statutes  
12 of Nebraska, and section 37-201, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2009,  
13 are repealed.