## LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

## **LEGISLATIVE BILL 449**

Introduced by Chambers, 11.

Read first time January 17, 2017

Committee: Agriculture

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to prairie dogs; to amend section 81-2,236,
- 2 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to repeal the Black-Tailed
- 3 Prairie Dog Management Act; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the
- 4 original section; and to outright repeal sections 23-3801, 23-3802,
- 5 23-3803, 23-3804, 23-3805, 23-3806, 23-3807, 23-3808, 23-3809, and
- 6 23-3810, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.
- 7 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

- 1 Section 1. Section 81-2,236, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
- 2 is amended to read:
- 3 81-2,236 The Director of Agriculture may contract and cooperate with
- 4 the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service of the United States
- 5 Department of Agriculture in the management and control of (1) coyotes,
- 6 bobcats, foxes, and other predatory animals listed in section 23-358 in
- 7 this state that are injurious to livestock, poultry, and game animals and
- 8 the public health, (2) black-tailed prairie dogs and other injurious
- 9 commensal and field rodents, and (3) nuisance birds or other nuisance
- 10 wildlife in accordance with organized and systematic plans of the Animal
- 11 and Plant Health Inspection Service of the United States Department of
- 12 Agriculture for the management and control of such animals. Supervision
- 13 of the program shall be by the local representative of the Animal and
- 14 Plant Health Inspection Service of the United States Department of
- 15 Agriculture. Expenditure of funds appropriated by the Legislature may not
- 16 be made without the approval in writing by the director. The director in
- 17 cooperation with the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service of the
- 18 United States Department of Agriculture may enter into agreements with
- 19 other governmental agencies and with counties, associations,
- 20 corporations, or individuals when such cooperation is deemed to be
- 21 necessary to promote the management and control of such predatory
- 22 animals, black-tailed prairie dogs and other injurious commensal and
- 23 field rodents, nuisance birds, or other nuisance wildlife.
- 24 Sec. 2. Original section 81-2,236, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 25 Nebraska, is repealed.
- 26 Sec. 3. The following sections are outright repealed: Sections
- 27 23-3801, 23-3802, 23-3803, 23-3804, 23-3805, 23-3806, 23-3807, 23-3808,
- 28 23-3809, and 23-3810, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.