

Department of Livestock

Legislative Bills for 2019 Legislative Session

1. Repeal meal and poultry inspection appeals process. Responds to an audit by the USDA Food Safety Inspection Service.
2. Revises language of meat and poultry inspection laws to maintain a “meets or exceeds” designation from USDA. Impacts language in 81-1-102, MCA, regarding home-killed meats, which the department said may be interpreted to mean home-killed meat could enter retail commerce.
3. Adjust livestock per capita fee language so that revenue collected in May is recognized at the beginning of the next fiscal year.
4. Clean up outdated and redundant language regarding state import requirements for animals, animal semen, and biologics. Includes a repeal of Title 81, chapter 2, part 4, regarding regulation of semen used for artificial insemination.
5. Revise reference to deposit of aerial hunting permit fees to ensure the money is deposited in a state special revenue account to offset the administrative costs of managing the service.
6. Remove the set statutory amount for livestock dealer application fees with the intent of setting the fee by rule. Currently the fee is set at \$50. Last adjustment was in 1995.
7. Remove residency requirements for obtaining aerial hunting permits to allow landowners to better mitigate conflict with predators such as coyotes and foxes.
8. Change the deadline for applying for livestock per capita refunds to better reflect the 2015 legislative revision in fee collection date.