SENATE BILL 552

51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013

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AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE; ENACTING THE LIVESTOCK OPERATION INTERFERENCE ACT; PROVIDING PENALTIES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.--This act may be cited as the "Livestock Operation Interference Act".

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS.--As used in the Livestock Operation Interference Act:

A. "livestock" means all domestic or domesticated animals that are used or raised on a farm or ranch, including the carcasses thereof, and exotic animals in captivity; "livestock" includes horses, asses, mules, cattle, sheep, goats, swine, bison, poultry, ostriches, emus, rheas, camelids and farmed cervidae upon any land in New Mexico; and

B. "livestock operation" means property used for....
the production of livestock or livestock products.

SECTION 3. LIVESTOCK OPERATION INTERFERENCE.--A person is guilty of livestock operation interference if the person:

A. without consent from the owner of a livestock operation, or the owner's agent, knowingly or intentionally records an image of, or sound from, the livestock operation by leaving a recording device on the livestock operation;

B. obtains access to a livestock operation under false pretenses;

C. applies for employment at a livestock operation with the intent to record an image of, or sound from, the livestock operation;

D. knows, at the time that the person accepts employment at a livestock operation, that the owner of the livestock operation prohibits the employee from recording an image of, or sound from, the livestock operation and while present on the livestock operation records an image of, or sound from, the livestock operation; or

E. without consent of the owner of a livestock operation or the owner's agent, knowingly or intentionally records an image of, or sound from, a livestock operation while the person is committing criminal trespass, as described in Section 30-14-1 NMSA 1978, on the livestock operation.

SECTION 4. PENALTIES.--A person who commits livestock operation interference as described in Section 3 of the

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Livestock Operation Interference Act is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be sentenced according to Section 31-19-1 NMSA 1978.