

HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL 57

49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2010

AN ACT

RELATING TO LIVESTOCK; ENACTING THE LIVESTOCK CRIME STOPPERS
ACT; CREATING A LIVESTOCK CRIME STOPPERS PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR
REWARDS.

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

Section 1. A new section of The Livestock Code is enacted
to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] SHORT TITLE.--This act may be cited as the
"Livestock Crime Stoppers Act"."

Section 2. A new section of The Livestock Code is enacted
to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] DEFINITIONS.--

A. "livestock-related crime" means a crime
involving livestock, including theft, unlawful branding,
unlawful killing or mutilation, illegal movement or other

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underscored material = new
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1 criminal offense involving livestock contained in the Criminal
2 Code or The Livestock Code; provided that, with respect to
3 animal cruelty, "livestock-related crime" means the crime of
4 extreme cruelty to animals established in Section 30-18-1 NMSA
5 1978; and

6 B. "program" means the livestock crime stoppers
7 program."

8 Section 3. A new section of The Livestock Code is enacted
9 to read:

10 "[NEW MATERIAL] PROGRAM CREATED--POWERS AND DUTIES.--

11 A. The board may establish a "livestock crime
12 stoppers program" to assist the board and state and local law
13 enforcement agencies in the arrest and conviction of persons
14 who commit livestock-related crimes. Through the program, the
15 board may offer rewards to persons who provide information or
16 other assistance leading to a defendant's arrest, prosecution
17 or conviction for a livestock-related crime.

18 B. To implement the program, the board:

19 (1) shall adopt and promulgate rules governing
20 the conduct and administration of the program, including how:

21 (a) rewards will be determined and paid;
22 (b) information received by the program
23 will be collected and transmitted to the proper livestock
24 inspector or other law enforcement agency; and

25 (c) confidentiality of crime stopper

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1 records and the identity of persons who provide information to
2 the program will be maintained;

3 (2) shall encourage the media of the state to
4 promote the program;

5 (3) may enter into contracts for program
6 management, advertising and other purposes necessary to the
7 program, including contracts with other crime stoppers
8 programs; and

9 (4) may solicit and accept gifts, grants and
10 donations and contributions made pursuant to court order to
11 support the program.

12 C. The board shall deposit money received pursuant
13 to Paragraph (4) of Subsection B of this section in a separate
14 bank account in a federally insured financial institution.
15 Money for rewards and other expenses of the program shall be
16 disbursed as directed by the director in accordance with
17 financial control mechanisms established by the board and the
18 department of finance and administration, and the account shall
19 be subject to the board's annual audit."