## HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 3560

By COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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1	On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after "wolves;" delete the rest of the line and insert "ap-
2	propriating money; and declaring an emergency.".
3	Delete lines 4 through 27 and delete pages 2 through 4 and insert:
4	"SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, 'livestock' means ratites, psittacines, horses,
5	mules, jackasses, cattle, llamas, alpacas, sheep, goats, swine, bison, domesticated fowl and
6	any fur-bearing animal bred and maintained commercially, or otherwise, within pens, cages
7	or hutches.
8	"(2) The State Department of Agriculture shall establish and implement a wolf
9	depredation compensation and financial assistance grant program, using moneys in the Wolf
10	Management Compensation and Proactive Trust Fund established under section 2 of this 2011
11	Act, to provide grants to assist counties to implement county programs under which:
12	"(a) Compensation is paid to persons who suffer loss or injury due to wolf depredation;
13	and
14	"(b) Financial assistance is provided to persons who implement livestock management
15	techniques or nonlethal wolf control techniques designed to discourage wolf depredation of
16	livestock.
17	"(3) Subject to available funding in the Wolf Management Compensation and Proactive
18	Trust Fund established under section 2 of this 2011 Act, a county qualifies for a grant under
19	the wolf depredation compensation and financial assistance grant program if the county:
20	"(a) Establishes a county program to:
21	"(A) Compensate persons who suffer loss or injury due to wolf depredation; or
22	"(B) Provide financial assistance to persons who implement livestock management tech-
23	niques or nonlethal wolf control techniques designed to discourage wolf depredation of live-
24	stock.
25	"(b) Contributes an amount of moneys equal to percent of the amount necessary
26	to implement, during the calendar year, its county program.
27	"(c) Establishes a procedure by which persons applying for compensation under its
28	county program provide evidence of the loss or injury. Evidence of the loss or injury must
29	include a finding, after investigation by the county, that wolf depredation was the probable
30	cause of the loss or injury.
31	"(d) Establishes a procedure by which persons applying for financial assistance under its
32	county program provide an estimate of the potential cost of the livestock management

techniques or nonlethal wolf control techniques designed to discourage wolf depredation.

"(4) The Director of Agriculture may adopt rules to implement the provisions of this

section, including but not limited to rules that:

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"(a) Require that livestock owners and managers experiencing above-normal livestock loss due to wolf depredation be given priority by counties for grant moneys received under the wolf depredation compensation and financial assistance grant program; and

- "(b) Require counties participating in the wolf depredation compensation and financial assistance grant program to submit reports to the department describing the use of any moneys received as part of the grant program.
- "(5) The department may use moneys in the Wolf Management Compensation and Proactive Trust Fund established under section 2 of this 2011 Act to pay expenses incurred in administering the wolf depredation compensation and financial assistance grant program.
- "SECTION 2. (1) The Wolf Management Compensation and Proactive Trust Fund is established separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned on the moneys in the Wolf Management Compensation and Proactive Trust Fund shall be credited to the fund. All moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the State Department of Agriculture for the purpose of establishing and implementing the wolf depredation compensation and financial assistance grant program described in section 1 of this 2011 Act.
- "(2) The fund shall consist of moneys appropriated by the Legislative Assembly for the purposes of the fund and any gifts, grants, donations, endowments or bequests from any public or private source. The State Department of Agriculture may seek out and receive any gifts, grants, donations, endowments or bequests for the purpose of establishing and implementing the wolf depredation compensation and financial assistance grant program described in section 1 of this 2011 Act. The department shall deposit such moneys into the fund.
- "SECTION 3. This 2011 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2011 Act takes effect on its passage."

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