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H. F. No. 601

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture Finance and Policy

03/03/2025 Adoption of Report: Re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

04/03/2025 Adoption of Report: Placed on the General Register
Read for the Second Time

04/10/2025 Calendar for the Day, Amended
Read Third Time as Amended
Passed by the House as Amended and transmitted to the Senate to include Floor Amendments

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to agriculture; appropriating money for depredation compensation
- 1.3 payments.
- 1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATION; DEPREDATION COMPENSATION.
- 1.6 (a) \$125,000 in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
- 1.7 of agriculture for compensation for livestock destroyed or crippled by a wolf under Minnesota
- 1.8 Statutes, section 3.737. The commissioner may use up to \$5,000 to reimburse expenses
- 1.9 incurred by university extension educators to provide fair market values of destroyed or
- 1.10 crippled livestock. If the commissioner receives federal funding to pay claims for destroyed
- 1.11 or crippled livestock, an equivalent amount of this appropriation may be used to reimburse
- 1.12 nonlethal prevention methods performed by federal wildlife services staff. This is a onetime
- 1.13 appropriation and is available until June 30, 2026.
- 1.14 (b) \$125,000 in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
- 1.15 of agriculture for compensation for crop or fence damage caused by elk under Minnesota
- 1.16 Statutes, section 3.7371. The commissioner may use up to \$10,000 of the appropriation to
- 1.17 reimburse expenses incurred by the commissioner or the commissioner's approved agent
- 1.18 to investigate and resolve claims, as well as for costs associated with training for approved
- 1.19 agents. The commissioner may use up to \$40,000 of the appropriation to make grants to
- 1.20 producers for measures to protect stored crops from elk damage. If the commissioner
- 1.21 determines that claims made under Minnesota Statutes, section 3.737 or 3.7371, are unusually
- 1.22 high, amounts appropriated for either program may be transferred to the appropriation for
- 1.23 the other program. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2026.

2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.