LEGISLATIVE BILL 449

Introduced by Chambers, 11.

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Committee: Agriculture

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to prairie dogs; to amend section 81-2,236, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to repeal the Black-Tailed Prairie Dog Management Act; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original section; and to outright repeal sections 23-3801, 23-3802, 23-3803, 23-3804, 23-3805, 23-3806, 23-3807, 23-3808, 23-3809, and 23-3810, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

7 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,
Section 1. Section 81-2,236, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

81-2,236 The Director of Agriculture may contract and cooperate with the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service of the United States Department of Agriculture in the management and control of (1) coyotes, bobcats, foxes, and other predatory animals listed in section 23-358 in this state that are injurious to livestock, poultry, and game animals and the public health, (2) black-tailed prairie dogs and other injurious commensal and field rodents, and (3) nuisance birds or other nuisance wildlife in accordance with organized and systematic plans of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service of the United States Department of Agriculture for the management and control of such animals. Supervision of the program shall be by the local representative of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service of the United States Department of Agriculture. Expenditure of funds appropriated by the Legislature may not be made without the approval in writing by the director. The director in cooperation with the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service of the United States Department of Agriculture may enter into agreements with other governmental agencies and with counties, associations, corporations, or individuals when such cooperation is deemed to be necessary to promote the management and control of such predatory animals, black-tailed prairie dogs and other injurious commensal and field rodents, nuisance birds, or other nuisance wildlife.

Sec. 2. Original section 81-2,236, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.