

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1331

BY AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO ANIMALS; AMENDING TITLE 25, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW  
2 CHAPTER 5, TITLE 25, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE IDAHO LIVESTOCK CARE  
3 STANDARDS BOARD, TO PROVIDE FOR MEMBERSHIP, TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR  
4 CARRYING OUT THE PURPOSE OF THE BOARD, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT  
5 OF PROPOSED STANDARDS, TO PROVIDE THAT THE IDAHO STATE DEPARTMENT  
6 OF AGRICULTURE MAY PROMULGATE CERTAIN RULES, TO PROVIDE FOR TERMS OF  
7 MEMBERSHIP, TO PROVIDE THAT MEMBERS SHALL SERVE WITHOUT HONORARIUM,  
8 COMPENSATION OR REIMBURSEMENT OF ANY KIND AND TO PROVIDE FOR MEETINGS OF  
9 THE BOARD; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.  
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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

12 SECTION 1. That Title 25, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended  
13 by the addition thereto of a NEW CHAPTER, to be known and designated as  
14 Chapter 5, Title 25, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

15 CHAPTER 5  
16 IDAHO LIVESTOCK CARE STANDARDS BOARD

17 25-501. IDAHO LIVESTOCK CARE STANDARDS BOARD. (1) For the purpose  
18 of establishing proposed standards governing the care and well-being of  
19 livestock and poultry in this state, there is hereby created the Idaho  
20 livestock care standards board which shall consist of thirteen (13) members  
21 as follows:

22 (a) The director of the Idaho state department of agriculture who shall  
23 also serve as the chairman of the board;

24 (b) Ten (10) members appointed by the governor with the advice and  
25 consent of the senate. The ten (10) members shall each have been  
26 residents of the state of Idaho for a minimum period of five (5) years  
27 and shall include one (1) member who is knowledgeable about food safety  
28 in the state, one (1) member appointed from the board of the Idaho  
29 cattle association, one (1) member appointed from the board of the  
30 Idaho dairymen's association, two (2) members representing other Idaho  
31 livestock statewide organizations, one (1) member of an Idaho kennel  
32 club, the Idaho state veterinarian, the dean of the university of Idaho  
33 college of agricultural and life sciences or his representative, one  
34 (1) member of the public representing Idaho consumers and/or retailers  
35 and one (1) member representing a public or private animal shelter  
36 facility designated and/or recognized by the Idaho state department of  
37 agriculture;

38 (c) One (1) member of the Idaho house of representatives serving on the  
39 house agricultural affairs committee, appointed by the speaker of the  
40 house of representatives; and

1 (d) One (1) member of the Idaho senate serving on the senate  
2 agricultural affairs committee, appointed by the president pro  
3 tempore of the senate.

4 (2) In carrying out its purpose, the board shall endeavor to maintain  
5 food safety and protect Idaho farms and families.

6 (3) The board is authorized to establish proposed standards governing  
7 the care and well-being of livestock and poultry in the state and submit the  
8 same to the Idaho department of agriculture. The department may promulgate  
9 rules reflecting the proposed standards. In establishing such standards,  
10 the board shall consider factors that include, but are not limited to,  
11 agricultural best management practices for such care and well-being,  
12 biosecurity, disease prevention, animal morbidity and mortality data, food  
13 safety practices and the protection of local, affordable food supplies for  
14 consumers.

15 (4) Existing member terms, other than the standing members of the  
16 board, will end on the last June 30 of an existing term with the successor  
17 term to begin July 1 of the same year. All terms shall be for a period  
18 of three (3) years. Vacancies in office shall be filled by an alternate,  
19 appointed pursuant to the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, for  
20 the unexpired term.

21 (5) Members or alternates of the board shall be compensated as provided  
22 in section 59-509(a), Idaho Code.

23 (6) The board shall meet at the call of the chairman or his designee. A  
24 majority of the members present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum, and  
25 a majority vote of the quorum at any meeting shall constitute an official act  
26 of the board.

27 SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby  
28 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after its  
29 passage and approval.