

Union Calendar No. 286

119TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 2462

[Report No. 119-334]

To authorize livestock producers and their employees to take black vultures in order to prevent death, injury, or destruction to livestock, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 27, 2025

Mr. ROSE (for himself, Mr. SOTO, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. BOST, Mr. MESSMER, Mr. BARR, Mr. HERN of Oklahoma, Mr. SMITH of Missouri, Mr. PERRY, Mrs. BICE, Mr. MEUSER, Mr. GOODEN, Mr. ALFORD, Mr. GRAVES, and Mr. RULLI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

OCTOBER 3, 2025

Additional sponsors: Mr. HARRIGAN, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. LUCAS, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. KUSTOFF, Mr. KNOTT, Mr. MASSIE, Mr. COLE, Mr. MILLER of Ohio, Mr. YAKYM, and Mr. HILL of Arkansas

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Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on March 27, 2025]

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Black Vulture Relief*
5 *Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION FOR LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS AND**
7 **THEIR EMPLOYEES TO TAKE CERTAIN BLACK**
8 **VULTURES.**

9 (a) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

10 (1) *BLACK VULTURE.—The term “black vulture”*
11 *means a bird of the species* *Coragyps atratus*.

12 (2) *COVERED PERSON.—The term “covered per-*
13 *son” means—*

14 (A) *a livestock producer; or*

15 (B) *an employee of a livestock producer*
16 *when the employee is actively engaged in live-*
17 *stock production.*

18 (3) *DIRECTOR.—The term “Director” means the*
19 *Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Serv-*
20 *ice.*

21 (4) *LIVESTOCK.—The term “livestock” has the*
22 *meaning given the term in section 602 of the Emer-*
23 *gency Livestock Feed Assistance Act of 1988 (7 U.S.C.*
24 *1471).*

(5) *LIVESTOCK PRODUCER*.—The term “livestock producer” has the meaning given the term in section 602 of the *Emergency Livestock Feed Assistance Act of 1988* (7 U.S.C. 1471).

(6) *TAKE*.—The term “take” means—

(A) to capture, kill, or disperse a black vulture; or

(B) to transport a black vulture carcass.

(b) *AUTHORIZATION*.—

(1) *IN GENERAL*.—Subject to paragraph (2), notwithstanding the *Migratory Bird Treaty Act* (16 U.S.C. 703 *et seq.*), a covered person may—

(A) take or attempt to take a black vulture that is causing, or that the covered person has a reasonable belief will cause, death, injury, or destruction to livestock; or

(B) in the course of taking or attempting to take a black vulture described in subparagraph (A), cause injury to the black vulture.

(2) *PROHIBITION*.—A covered person may not take or attempt to take a black vulture through the use of poison.

(c) *REPORTS*.—

(1) *IN GENERAL*.—Not later than January 31 of each year, a covered person that takes a black vulture

1 *in accordance with subsection (b) in the preceding 12-*
2 *month period shall complete and submit to the appro-*
3 *priate United States Fish and Wildlife Service Re-*
4 *gional Office (as determined by the geographic juris-*
5 *dictions described in section 2.2 of title 50, Code of*
6 *Federal Regulations (or a successor regulation)) an*
7 *annual report using the form developed by the Direc-*
8 *tor under subsection (d).*

9 (2) *CLARIFICATION.*—*A covered person shall not*
10 *be required to submit a report under paragraph (1)*
11 *until after the date on which the Director develops*
12 *and makes available the reporting form under sub-*
13 *section (d).*

14 (4) *REPORTING FORMS.*—

15 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*Subject to paragraph (2), not*
16 *later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this*
17 *Act, the Director shall develop and make available on*
18 *the website of the United States Fish and Wildlife*
19 *Service a reporting form the Director determines ap-*
20 *propriate for the purposes of accepting reports under*
21 *subsection (c).*

22 (2) *FORMAT.*—*The form developed and made*
23 *available under paragraph (1) may not be more oner-*
24 *ous to complete than similar forms required for per-*
25 *mitted take under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16*

1 *U.S.C. 703 et seq.) as of the date of enactment of this*
2 *Act.*

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