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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 9, 2019

Mr. HOLLINGSWORTH (for himself, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. COMER, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, Mr. GUEST, Mr. KELLY of Mississippi, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. WESTERMAN, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. MASSIE, and Mr. BOST) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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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 "Livestock Protection

5 Act of 2019".

SEC. 2. DEPREDATION PERMITS FOR BLACK VULTURES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior, act-ing through the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, may issue a depredation permit to a live-stock farmer, authorizing the taking of a black vulture otherwise prohibited by Federal law during the calving or lambing season—

    (1) if—

        (A) such vulture is found committing dep-redations on livestock; or

        (B) the livestock is located in an area where depredation by vultures have been known to occur; and

    (2) provided that such taking may only occur if it is necessary to protect livestock from depredation.

(b) REPORTING.—The Secretary shall require, as a condition of such a permit, that the holder of such permit shall report annually to the appropriate State enforcement agency, as determined by the Secretary, any taking of a black vulture under the permit.

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