

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Agriculture, Water & Natural Resources.

HB24-1249 be amended as follows:

1 Amend printed bill, page 3, strike lines 21 through 27 and substitute:

2           "(b) "QUALIFIED STEWARDSHIP PRACTICE" MEANS ANY  
3 AGRICULTURAL PRACTICE, AS SPECIFIED BY RULES ISSUED BY THE  
4 COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, THAT MAY  
5 INCLUDE A GRAZING OR CROPPING PRACTICE THAT IMPROVES SOIL HEALTH,  
6 IMPROVES WATER RETENTION AND DROUGHT RESILIENCE, OR CREATES  
7 MORE DIVERSE AND BENEFICIAL ECOSYSTEMS WHILE MAINTAINING THE  
8 PRODUCTIVITY OF THE FARM OR RANCH, INCLUDING ROTATIONAL CROPS,  
9 REDUCED TILLAGE, NO TILLAGE, COVER CROPPING, INTEGRATING  
10 MANAGED LIVESTOCK GRAZING ON CROPLAND, RANGE IMPROVEMENTS,  
11 INTERSEEDING, OR COMPOST APPLICATION".

12 Page 7, after line 17 insert:

13           "(8) THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
14 MAY ISSUE RULES TO ADMINISTER THIS SECTION, INCLUDING SPECIFYING  
15 REQUIREMENTS FOR IMPLEMENTING AND DEMONSTRATING QUALIFIED  
16 STEWARDSHIP PRACTICES, AND MAY ISSUE TAX CREDIT CERTIFICATES  
17 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION."

18 Renumber succeeding subsection accordingly.

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