

## CHAPTER 6

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**HOUSE BILL 26-1067**

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 also SENATOR(S) Pelton B. and Roberts, Bridges, Bright, Carson, Catlin, Gonzales J., Jodeh, Kipp, Kirkmeyer, Mullica, Pelton R., Simpson, Wallace, Coleman.

**AN ACT**

**CONCERNING USING MONEY IN THE DISEASED LIVESTOCK INDEMNITY FUND TO ADDRESS THREATS TO LIVESTOCK HEALTH.**

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

**SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 35-50-114, **amend** (3); and **add** (2.5) as follows:

**35-50-114. Indemnification of livestock owners - livestock health preparedness, response, and diseased livestock indemnity fund.**

(2.5) THE COMMISSIONER, UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE STATE VETERINARIAN, MAY AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT TO EXPEND MONEY IN THE LIVESTOCK HEALTH PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE, AND DISEASED LIVESTOCK INDEMNITY FUND TO PREPARE FOR AND RESPOND TO:

(a) INFECTIOUS OR CONTAGIOUS DISEASES THAT POSE A THREAT TO LIVESTOCK;  
 AND

(b) BIOLOGICAL OR CHEMICAL CONTAMINANTS OF ANIMALS THAT POSE A THREAT TO LIVESTOCK.

(3) ~~(a)~~ There is created in the state treasury the LIVESTOCK HEALTH PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE, AND diseased livestock indemnity fund. The unexpended and unencumbered balance of money appropriated by the general assembly for payments for the services of commissioned or appointed personnel pursuant to

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section 35-50-104 shall be credited to the LIVESTOCK HEALTH PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE, AND diseased livestock indemnity fund, upon approval of the commissioner, at the end of each fiscal year. The money in the fund is continuously appropriated for the purpose of making payments as provided in this section.

~~(b) (I) On June 30, 2025, the state treasurer shall transfer two hundred fifty thousand dollars from the diseased livestock indemnity fund to the general fund.~~

~~(II) This subsection (3)(b) is repealed, effective July 1, 2026.~~

**SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 35-50-118, **amend** (5) as follows:

**35-50-118. Civil penalties.**

(5) All penalties collected pursuant to this section shall be ~~transmitted~~ CREDITED to the LIVESTOCK HEALTH PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE, AND diseased livestock indemnity fund created in section 35-50-114 (3).

**SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August 12, 2026, if adjournment sine die is on May 13, 2026); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

Approved: March 24, 2026