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Sponsor(s): Senators Morton, Rasmussen, Rossi, Sellar, Hochstatter, McCaslin, Honeyford, Sheahan and Stevens

Brief Description: Requiring the bona fide use of grazing rights.

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Provides that any lease or permit for grazing shall require that the lessee or permittee actually carry out a bona fide commercial grazing operation. Unexcused failure to actually carry out a bona fide commercial grazing operation during each year of the lease or permit shall result in the cancellation of the lease or permit, without compensation to the lessee or permittee, and placement for bid at public auction to another lessee or permittee who will actually carry out a bona fide commercial grazing operation.

Declares that failure to actually carry out a bona fide commercial grazing operation may be excused by the department if the lessee or permittee has attempted to actually carry out a bona fide commercial grazing operation, but has been unable to do so for a valid reason.