

1752-S

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Brief Description: Allowing for claims for wildlife damage on rangeland suitable for grazing or browsing of domestic livestock.

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(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Authorizes claims for wildlife damage on rangeland suitable for grazing or browsing of domestic livestock.

Declares that, for rangeland, if the director does not agree with the claimant on a damage settlement, the matter must be submitted to arbitration within ten days of notice by either party. The arbitration panel consists of one arbitrator chosen by the landowner, one arbitrator chosen by the director, and one arbitrator chosen by the other two arbitrators. If the two arbitrators cannot agree within ten days on a third arbitrator, a request by either party must be made to the superior court of the county in which the damage is located for appointment of a third impartial arbitrator. The director and landowner equally share the cost of the use of the third arbitrator.