HOUSE FILE 134
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to bison and nondomesticated haired sheep
2   being hunted or kept for hunting purposes when on a hunting
3   preserve.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 484B.1, subsection 7, Code 2025, is
2 amended to read as follows:
3 7. *a.* *"Livestock"* means ~~the same as defined in section 717.1~~
4 an animal belonging to the bovine, caprine, equine, ovine, or
5 porcine species; ostriches, rheas, or emus; farm deer as defined
6 in section 170.1; or poultry.
7 *b.* *"Livestock"* does not include bison or nondomesticated
8 haired sheep being hunted or kept for hunting purposes when on
9 a hunting preserve licensed under this chapter.
10 Sec. 2. Section 717.2, subsection 1, paragraph c, Code 2025,
11 is amended to read as follows:
12 *c.* Injures or destroys livestock by any means ~~which~~ that
13 causes pain or suffering in a manner inconsistent with customary
14 animal husbandry practices. This paragraph does not apply to
15 bison or nondomesticated haired sheep being hunted or kept
16 for hunting purposes when on a hunting preserve licensed under
17 chapter 484B.
18   EXPLANATION
19   The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
20   the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.
21 This bill relates to bison and nondomesticated haired sheep
22 being hunted or kept for hunting purposes when on a hunting
23 preserve.
24 The bill excludes bison and nondomesticated haired sheep
25 being hunted or kept for hunting purposes when on a licensed
26 hunting preserve from the definition of "livestock" in current
27 law related to hunting preserves.
28 The bill also excludes bison and nondomesticated haired sheep
29 being hunted or kept for hunting purposes when on a licensed
30 hunting preserve from laws relating to violations of customary
31 animal husbandry practices when injuring or killing livestock.