

1-1 By: Armbrister S.B. No. 498  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 14, 2003; February 19, 2003,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Subcommittee on Agriculture;  
1-4 March 31, 2003, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
1-5 Substitute to the Committee on Natural Resources by the following  
1-6 vote: Yeas 2, Nays 0; April 14, 2003, reported adversely, with  
1-7 favorable Committee Substitute from the Committee on Natural  
1-8 Resources by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; April 14, 2003,  
1-9 sent to printer.)

1-10 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 498 By: Estes

1-11 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-12 AN ACT

1-13 relating to state agricultural policy regarding bison.

1-14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-15 SECTION 1. Chapter 2, Agriculture Code, is amended by  
1-16 adding Section 2.005 to read as follows:

1-17 Sec. 2.005. POLICY: BISON. The agricultural policy of this  
1-18 state must recognize that bison:

1-19 (1) are wild animals indigenous to this state;

1-20 (2) are distinct from cattle, livestock, exotic  
1-21 livestock, and game animals; and

1-22 (3) may be raised and used for:

1-23 (A) commercial purposes; or

1-24 (B) the purpose of preserving the bison species.

1-25 SECTION 2. Subdivision (11), Section 433.003, Health and  
1-26 Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-27 (11) "Livestock" means cattle, bison, sheep, swine,  
1-28 goats, horses, mules, other equines, poultry, domestic rabbits,  
1-29 exotic animals, or domesticated game birds.

1-30 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-31 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-32 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-33 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-34 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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