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**"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LIVESTOCK CARE STANDARDS
ADVISORY COUNCIL."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2014*) (a) There is established
4 an Important Bird Areas Advisory Committee for the purpose of
5 advising the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection on
6 the creation of an Important Bird Area Program that shall include, but
7 not limited to, the identification and recognition of critical bird habitats
8 and the promotion of bird conservation in the state. Such committee
9 shall consist of not more than ten members appointed by the
10 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection and shall serve
11 at the pleasure of the commissioner. The members of such committee
12 shall be individuals who represent organizations that have a record of
13 activity in bird conservation or who have an expertise or a recognized

14 knowledge in an area pertinent and valuable to such program. Such
 15 advisory committee shall meet not less than twice each calendar year.
 16 Any staff of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
 17 designated by the commissioner to serve on such committee shall
 18 serve as nonvoting members of such committee. Such committee shall
 19 elect a chairman from among its membership on or before October 31,
 20 2014. The chairman of such committee shall be unaffiliated with any
 21 state agency.

22 (b) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection may
 23 designate state-owned waters or state-owned lands, or any portion
 24 thereof, under the commissioner's custody, as an important bird area
 25 provided such designation is consistent with the mission and duties of
 26 the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. Prior to
 27 making or removing any such designation, the commissioner shall
 28 publish notice concerning the impending designation or removal of an
 29 important bird area in the Environmental Monitor. Such notice shall
 30 provide for a thirty-day public comment period commencing on the
 31 next business day following the date of publication. Any state-owned
 32 waters or state-owned lands, or portion thereof, designated as an
 33 important bird area pursuant to this subsection shall be described and
 34 depicted on a map. The commissioner shall retain an inventory of any
 35 state-owned waters or state-owned lands, or portion thereof, that are
 36 designated as important bird areas pursuant to this subsection."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2014	New section