

HR 4939

To authorize livestock producers and their employees to take crested caracaras in order to prevent the death of or injury or destruction to livestock, and for other purposes.

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Policy Area: Agriculture and Food

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Current Status: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources. (Jul 26, 2023)

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Sponsor

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 26, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jul 26, 2023)

This bill allows livestock producers and their employees to take certain actions against crested caracaras to protect livestock. (Crested caracaras are protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.)

Specifically, livestock producers and their employees may (1) take (i.e., capture, kill, disperse, or transport) a crested caracara that they reasonably believe will cause death, injury, or destruction to livestock; or (2) in the course of taking or attempting to take the crested caracara, cause injury to the bird.

Livestock producers and their employees must submit an annual report to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) on crested caracaras taken under this bill. The FWS must make this reporting form available on its website.

Currently, the FWS has a special permit process under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act for the taking of crested caracaras.

Actions Timeline

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