

HB 747 -- Participation in an Animal Identification System

Sponsor: Kelly

This bill prohibits the Department of Agriculture from participating in the National Animal Identification System (NAIS); any component of the NAIS including premises registration, animal identification, and animal movement tracing; or any similar source verification system other than the current Missouri Cattle Specific Source Verification Program (MCSSVP). The department is prohibited from creating any data base associated with NAIS, beyond the minimum informational requirements of the MCSSVP. All cooperative agreements between the state and federal government or other states associated with any component of the NAIS are void. All NAIS identification lists or related data bases compiled using federal funds under the NAIS will be void, except disease specific data for a specific species of livestock.

The department must notify all livestock producers whose information about their premises has been submitted to the United States Department of Agriculture National Premises Information Repository without their informed consent and develop procedures with the federal government to expunge all data that has been collected.

The bill does not prevent the department from participating in any program authorized by state statute. Private identification programs must comply with the information disclosure restrictions specified in the bill.

No services or enticements can be offered or withheld from a livestock owner based solely on his or her participation or nonparticipation in any premises registration or animal identification program. Nonparticipation in any premises registration or animal identification program by a livestock owner will not be considered a crime, nor evidence of negligence or gross negligence.