
HOUSE BILL 2654

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By Representatives Blake and Dent; by request of Department of Agriculture

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1 AN ACT Relating to certificates of veterinary inspection for
2 animals brought into the state; and amending RCW 16.36.140.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 16.36.140 and 2011 c 204 s 12 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) It is unlawful for a person to bring an animal into
7 Washington state without first securing a certificate of veterinary
8 inspection, reviewed by the state veterinarian of the state of
9 origin, verifying that the animal meets Washington state animal
10 health requirements. This subsection does not apply to animals that:

11 (a) Have been exempted by the director by rule; or

12 (b) Will be delivered within twelve hours after entry into
13 Washington state to:

14 (i) ~~((An approved, inspected feed lot for slaughter;~~

15 ~~(ii)))~~ A federally inspected slaughter plant; or

16 ~~((iii)))~~ (ii) A licensed public livestock market for sale and
17 subsequent delivery within twelve hours to(~~(+~~

18 ~~(A) An approved, inspected feed lot for slaughter; or~~

19 ~~(B)))~~ a federally inspected slaughter plant.

1 (2) The director may monitor animals entering Washington state.
2 Persons importing, transporting, receiving, feeding, or housing
3 imported animals shall:

4 (a) Comply with the requirement and any exemptions specified in
5 subsection (1) of this section; and

6 (b) Make the animal and related records available for inspection
7 by the director.

8 (3) The director may adopt and enforce rules necessary to carry
9 out the purpose and provisions of this section.

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