
ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5205

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By Senate Committee on Agriculture & Rural Economic Development
(originally sponsored by Senators Morton, Rasmussen, Stevens,
T. Sheldon, Honeyford, Sellar and Swecker)

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1 AN ACT Relating to animal cruelty; and amending RCW 16.52.185.

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

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 16.52.185 and 1994 c 261 s 22 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 Nothing in this chapter applies to accepted husbandry practices
6 used in the commercial raising or slaughtering of livestock or poultry,
7 or products (~~(thereof or)~~); to the use of animals in the normal and
8 usual course of rodeo events; the humane, usual, and normal use of
9 horses in racing activities that are authorized under chapter 67.16 RCW
10 and that are subject to rules adopted by the Washington horse racing
11 commission under RCW 67.16.020; the humane, normal, and usual use of
12 horses, mules, or oxen, for logging, training, riding, showing, or
13 driving; or to the customary humane use or exhibiting of animals in
14 normal and usual events at fairs as defined in RCW 15.76.120.

15 For the purposes of this section, "humane" means animal use that
16 would be characterized as kind, merciful, or compassionate by a
17 reasonably prudent person using the animal under the same conditions.

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