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Brief Description: Preventing cruelty to laying hens.

HB 1726 - DIGEST

Provides that: (1) A person may not confine laying hens in battery cages.

(2) A person may not subject a laying hen to forced molting.

(3) A person may not remove the beak, or any portion thereof, of a laying hen.

Provides that, a person may not confine a laying hen without providing the laying hen, on a daily basis, access to natural light and the opportunity to engage in natural behaviors including, but not limited to, walking, perching, dirt scratching, stretching wings, and dust bathing.

Declares that a person who knowingly violates this act is guilty of a misdemeanor.