
SENATE BILL 6408

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By Senators Brandland, Rasmussen, Regala, Spanel, Kline and Esser

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1 AN ACT Relating to nonambulatory livestock; adding a new section to
2 Title 16 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to Title 16 RCW to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) For the purposes of this section, "nonambulatory livestock"
7 means cattle, sheep, swine, goats, horses, mules, or other equine, that
8 are unable to stand and walk unassisted.

9 (2) A person commits the crime of trading in nonambulatory
10 livestock if the person knowingly delivers or accepts delivery of live
11 nonambulatory livestock. This section does not apply to:

12 (a) The movement of nonambulatory livestock under the care of a
13 licensed veterinarian, including the delivery of nonambulatory
14 livestock to a licensed veterinarian, or acceptance of nonambulatory
15 livestock by a licensed veterinarian, for the purpose of euthanizing or
16 providing appropriate medical care or treatment to nonambulatory
17 livestock; and

18 (b) The movement of nonambulatory livestock to provide for the

1 appropriate care, medical treatment, or euthanizing of animals on a
2 farm.

3 (3) A person convicted of violating this section is guilty of a
4 misdemeanor punishable as provided in RCW 9A.20.021.

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